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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CONVENTION OF DELEGATES

WHICH ORGANIZED THE

Central Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FORESTVILLE, WAKE CO., N. C.,

October 25, 26, 1860.

ALSO

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNT VERNON, WAKE CO., N. C.,

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Officers of the Association.

N. E. CANNADY, - - -	Moderator.
B. W. JUSTICE, - - - -	Clerk.
S. H. DUNN, - - - -	Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

N. E. Cannady, B. W. Justice,
F. M. Purefoy, W. H. Mitchell,
J. J. Freeman.

FORESTVILLE, N. C., Thursday, Oct. 25, 1860.

The Convention of Delegates from churches holding letters of dismission from the Flat River, Tar River and Raleigh Baptist Associations, and desiring to form a new Association, assembled for that purpose in the house of worship of the Forestville Baptist church at 11 o'clock to-day.

Eld. W. T. Walters, of Wake Forest, preached the Introductory sermon on the first clause of 23d verse of 23d chapter of Proverbs: "Buy the truth and sell it not."

After the sermon the Convention was called to order by requesting brother N. E. Cannady to act as President and B. W. Justice Secretary.

By motion, the President called for letters and representatives from the churches. The letters were read and names of representatives enrolled as follows:

Franklinton—W. H. Mitchell, W. H. Williams, B. C. Williams. Dr. J. B. Winston, A. D. Ellis*.

Flat Rock—Jones Cook*, J. J. Freeman, R. A. Hicks, Eli Alford, H. Minga, R. H. Timberlake, Wilie Mitchell.

Wake Forest—Elders Wm. Royall, W. M. Wingate, W. T. Brooks, S. Wait, D. D., W. T. Walters, R. B. Jones, and Brethren W. G. Simmons and J. H. Foote.

Forestville—P. A. Dunn, J. W. Fort, D. W. Allen, W. B. Dunn, W. L. Cook, S. H. Dunn.

Brassfields—J. Y. Moss*, R. D. Walters*, Dr. A. R. Vann,* J. Y. McGehee*, S. H. Cannady,* N. E. Cannady.

Mt. Vernon—D. Justice, P. Dunn, J. S. Ray, B. W. Justice, J. H. Bell, E. Gill, J. B. Lassiter.

New Hope—R. Trawick, B. Buffaloe, R. J. Ivey, W. A. Baugh, J. M. Trawick, W. G. Riddick*, W. G. Strickland, Jr.,* H. W. Buffaloe.*

On motion, the Forestville church, a newly constituted body, not previously connected with any Association, was admitted by letter and representatives to this Convention.

A motion was passed inviting Elder T. E. Skinner of Raleigh, and Elder J. J. Lansdell, Agent of the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union, to seats with us. Both these brethren responded, accepting the invitation, the latter expressing a wish to present the claims of his agency to this body at some suitable time during its present session.

By motion, the male members present of the Forestville church were also invited to seats in the Convention and share in its deliberation.

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The following committee to draft Constitution and Bye-laws for the government of the proposed Association was appointed: Elders Brooks, Walters, Royal, R. B. Jones, and Bro. D. Justice. The Convention then, on motion, took recess until 2 1-2 o'clock in the afternoon. Prayer by Elder Skinner.

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2 1-2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President.—Prayer by Dr. Wait.

The com'e on Constitution and Bye-Laws reported thro' their chairman. The report was received and the committee discharged. It was moved and carried that each article be read and voted on singly. First the Constitution and then the Rules of Decorum were read, article by article, and after slight amendments adopted as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION OF CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. This Union of Churches shall be known and distinguished by the name of "Central Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of delegates from the following Churches, viz: Franklinton, Flat Rock, Wake Forest, Forestville, Brassfields, Mount Vernon and New Hope.

3. The churches shall be represented in the Association by any number of delegates not exceeding five from each church. These should be furnished with a short letter from the churches mentioning explicitly the names of their delegates, the State of their church, an account of all funds raised during the year for the benevolent objects of the Convention and Association, and a list of Delegates sent to the State Convention, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, or the Deacons, or several leading members of the Church.

4. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall continue in office until new ones are chosen. They may be eligible to a reappointment, from year to year, according to the will of the voters.

5. Newly constituted churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association on their sending up delegates to an annual meeting with a petition, and by these delegates agreeing. on behalf of the churches that sent them, to the Declaration of Principles herewith published.

6. In the election of officers, the individual that has the largest number of votes for the office in question, shall be declared duly elected. The Moderator and Clerk shall perform the duties ordinarily devolving on these respective offices in well regulated deliberative assemblies. The Clerk shall also preserve a regular file of the Asssociation's minutes, and have it present at their meetings from year to year, for the use of this body; and upon a change of officers, the late Clerk shall transfer the said file to his successor in office.

7. This Association shall appoint annually an Executive Board consisting of five, whose duty it shall be to disburse, within the bounds of this Association, such funds as may be contributed to the objects of the Associa-

tion, viz: Colportage, Missions within the bounds of the Association, Education, and any other object which may hereafter be incorporated as one of the objects of the Association: the said committee to report at each annual meeting of this body. It shall be the duty of this Board to take charge of such funds as may be sent up by the churches for the objects of the Baptist State Convention, and to embody in a report to the said Convention an account of all funds expended within the limits of the Association, together with the funds sent up to the Convention, or reported as sent up by the churches.

8. There shall be a Treasurer of this Association, who shall be chosen at an annual meeting, and who shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting and until another shall be elected, and shall give bond and enter upon the duties of his office. He shall take charge of the moneys and specialties belonging to the Association and keep separate accounts of the amounts contributed for different objects, and render regular accounts of them to the Association at its stated meetings; and also to the Board, when called on so to do. For the faithful discharge of his trust he shall give bond and security to this Association in such sum of money as they may, from time to time direct. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by the order of the Association signed by the presiding officer. But should the said office become vacant by death, resignation or removal, the vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Board; and the person so elected by the Board shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the Association, and until another shall be elected, shall give bond and security and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected shall give bond and do all the duties required and in the same manner as if elected by the Association.

9. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all measures of internal government, and shall act as only an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the delegates of the churches, and, in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches, united under this compact with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending his kingdom of grace in the earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and other means in accordance with that gospel; and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

10. The Association shall have an annual meeting, subject to such changes as experience may dictate.

11. It shall have rules by which decorum shall be preserved during the time it shall be together as a deliberative body.

12. This Constitution may undergo such alterations and amendments as experience may dictate, provided the proposed change be moved at an annual meeting, to be considered till the next annual meeting thereafter, and shall then be concurred in by two-thirds of the members who may be present.

13. This Constitution was approved and adopted by the Convention of Delegates from the several Churches named in the second article of it on the 25th day of October, 1860.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality, gravity, and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association by prayer to God, or call upon some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof, and decide betwixt contending claims. He should never speak in debate, except on important questions, and then, not until he has given others a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to the chair. He may require motions to be presented in a written form whenever he may deem it necessary.

2. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

3. The members of the Association shall observe that respect towards the officers and each other, which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should all labor to promote. All invective should be carefully avoided by members while speaking; and those who are not speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct as is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or good feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association.

No person may withdraw without permission from the Moderator.—"Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. xiv. 40.

It was then moved that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be adopted as a whole, subject however, to amendment at the next regular meeting of the Association, which motion prevailed.

The Moderator then declared the Association organized, and requested the venerable Dr. Wait to offer prayer to God for his blessing on the body and all its members.

After which the Association, on motion, proceeded to the choosing of permanent officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Bro. N. E. Cannady, Moderator, B. W. Justice, Clerk, and Elder W. T. Walters, Treasurer.

After prayer by Elder Wm. Royal, the Association adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Association was called to order and Elder T. E. Skinner offered prayer.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll of delegates was called and completed.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to prepare an Abstract of Principles, draw up additional rules of Decorum, and arrange a permanent Order of Business for this Association, and report at its next session, viz: Elds. Walters, Brooks, and Royall.

The Association by motion appointed Eld. S. Wait, D. D.,

to write the first Circular Letter of this body. to be read at its first annual session.

Having agreed to proceed to the appointment of the Executive Board, it was moved and carried that a committtee be raised to nominate said Board, and Eld. R. B. Jones, and Bre'n P. A. Dunn and J. W. Fort were placed on this committee: who having retired for a short time, reported the following nominations for the Board, viz: S. H. Cannady, S. D. Bevis, D. Justice, W. T. Walters, and J. J. Freeman. The report was received and adopted and the committee discharged. On motion, the Association resolved to hold it first annual session commencing on Thursday before the Second Sabbath in September, 1861. Several churches having petitioned for the meeting to be held with them, on motion the selection of the place was submitted to a ballot and the choice fell on Mt. Vernon church in Wake county.

The Association then appointed Eld. Wm. Royall to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. M. Wingate the Missionary, at the above named time and place.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Association will hold Union meetings embracing the fifth Sabbaths of each year, and that a committee of three be appointed to arrange the times and places of holding these meetings during the ensuing Associational year.

In accordance with a provision of this resolution, the Moderator appointed the following brethren on the committee called for, viz: Elders Royal and Brooks and Bro. P. A. Dunn.

The following corresponding messengers to sister Associations were appointed: to the Flat River, Eld. W. T. Brooks, and Brethren N. E. Cannady and Dr. A. R. Vann; to the Tar River, Elder W. M. Wingate and Brethren W. H. Mitchell and J. J. Freeman; to the Raleigh, Eld. S. Wait, D. D., and Brethren R. Trawick and B. B. Buffaloe.

On motion a collection was taken up in order to secure representation in the B. S. Convention; the amount collected being $13.30.

The Association ordered that $3.30, the excess above ten dollars, be handed over to the Clerk to be used in the purchase of a Record Book for this body.

On motion, Bro. Job Carver of Forestville was appointed delegate to the Convention from this Association and the sum of ten dollars was paid over to him for the purpose named above.

The committee on Union meetings reported through their

chairman that the first of these meetings will be held with church at Flat Rock, Elder W. T. Brooks to preach the Introductory sermon, the second at Brassfields, the third at New Hope, and the fourth at Franklinton.

The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

On motion, took recess until 2 1-2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder R. B. Jones.

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2 1-2 o'clock, p. m.

The Association was opened by prayer by Bro. Griffin Jones.

By motion, the name of Elder W. T. Walters was added to the list of corresponding messengers to the Raleigh Association.

The Clerk was directed to prepare for publication in the Biblical Recorder an abstract of the procedings of this body, embracing such items of our business as may be of public interest, and such other matter as he after consultation with brethren, may deem judicious.

The following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the hospitalities extended to the members of this body during its present session.

On motion, Eld. J. J. Lansdell was invited to occupy some of the time of the Association in presenting the claims of his agency to the brethren and congregation. Elder L. delivered a forcible and earnest address and was followed by Elds. Wait, Walters, Skinner, and Bro. D. Justice in appropriate remarks in relation to the cause of Sabbath Schools and the object of S. B. S. S. Union, after which the sum of $83.00 in cash and pledges was contributed by brethren and friends.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Rssolved, That the thanks of this Association be returned to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful and impartial manner in which they have discharged the duties incumbent on them as officers of this body.

The proceedings of this day were read and approved preparatory to adjournment, after which Dr. Wait offered prayer to Almighty God. The familiar parting Hymn, Hail, sweetest, dearest tie, &c., was sung by the congregation with much feeling, the benediction was pronounced by Eld. Lansdell, and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned to the time and place above named for the next session.

N. E. CANNADY, Moderator.

B. W. Justice, Cl'k.

Minutes.

Mt. Vernon Church, Wake, Co., Sept. 5, 1861.

The Central Baptist Association assembled this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Wm. Royal, A. M., of Wake Forest, from Phil. 2: 5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

After the sermon, the Association was called to order by Bro. N. E. Cannady, the Moderator of last year, who requested Elder W. M. Wingate to begin the exercises with prayer.

Letters from the churches were then called for, read, and enrolled, with names of delegates as follows:

Franklinton—S. D. Bevis, W. H. Williams, W. H. Mitchell, T. H. Griffin, B. C. Williams.

Flat Rock—J. J. Freeman, W. A. Mitchell, F. J. Timberlake, P. M. Harrison, R. A. Hicks.

Wake Forest—J. L. Carroll, E. B. Salmons, [J. K. Howell, E. S. Moore, J. B. Boone.

Forestville.—S. H. Dunn, D. W. Allen, W. B. Dunn, F. M. Purefoy.]

Brassfield—N. E. Cannady, H. Haley.

New Hope—Robt. Trawick, R. J. Ivey, Jno. Trawick, B. B. Buffaloe.

Mt. Vernon—J. H. Bell, D. Justice, Peterson Dunn, B. W. Justice, David Fort.

Raleigh—Elder T. E. Skinner, R. M. Jones*, W. J. Palmer*, G. B. Bagwell,* J. S. Joyner*.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers for next Associational year, which resulted in the re-election of Bro. N. E. Cannady to the office of Moderator, and of B. W. Justice to that of Clerk.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations and visiting brethren were cordially invited to seats with us and to participation in our deliberations, which invitation was accepted by Bro. Isaac Winston from Raleigh Association, and by Bro. Chas. Skinner from the Chowan.

Elder T. E. Skinner reported himself from the Raleigh church under the following circumstances: The Raleigh Association, at its session last year, authorized its Clerk to grant

*Absent.

letters of dismission to any churches that might apply for them after its adjournment from that session and before the time of its next annual session. In accordance with this provision, the Raleigh church had unanimously resolved to ask for a letter of dismission from the Raleigh Association in order to join the Central. Two efforts to obtain such letter from the Clerk of the Raleigh Association had failed, as was supposed, from irregularity of the mails. The Raleigh church had appointed delegates to bear letter and petition to this body, none but Elder Skinner being present on account of not having received the letter above named.

On motion of Eld. W. M. Wingate, Elder Skinner was recognized as a delegate from Raleigh church, that body was admitted as a member of this Association, and the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship.

A committee on religious exercises was appointed, consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Vernon church.

Elder Wingate moved that the Association proceed to the election of Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion prevailed, and the ballot resulted in the election of Bro. S. H. Dunn.

On motion of Bro. Peterson Dunn, took recess for one hour.

P. M.

After a hymn sung, the Moderator called the Association to order.

The Moderator, on motion of Bro. Peterson Dunn, appointed a committee on Finance consisting of Brethren P. Dunn, W. H. Mitchell, and J. H. Bell.

In accordance with a call made by some of the brethren, the Clerk read the minutes of the previous session of this body.

Elder Brooks moved that the third article of the Constitution be so amended as to allow each church to send five delegates to this Association, which motion prevailed, and the Clerk was directed to insert the amendment in the Constitution.

On motion of B. W. Justice, a committee of two, to whom the Circular Letter shall be submitted before its reading to the Association, was appointed, consisting of Elders Royal and Brooks.

The Clerk reported the purchase by himself, in pursuance of instructions given at the previous session of this body, of a Record Book costing $4. On motion of Elder W. T. Brooks, the purchase was approved, and, the sum of $3 30 having been left in the hands of the Clerk last year for this purpose,

that officer was authorized to draw from the Treasurer 70 cts. due him in this transaction.

Bro. D. Justice moved that the Association meet hereafter at 10 o'clock in the morning, and adjourn at 3 1-2 in the afternoon.

The time agreed upon for adjournment having arrived, the Moderator declared the Association adjourned for the day.

FRIDAY, Sept. 6.

At the appointed hour the Association assembled. After prayer by Bro. J. L. Carroll, the Moderator called to order.

The Clerk read and corrected the roll of delegates.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and, after explanations, approved.

The invitation to visiting brethren was renewed and accepted by Dr. Wait and Elder W. T. Walters of Wake Forest, and by Elder W. A. Atkinson and Bro. E. Dalby from the Flat River Association.

Elder Walters informed the Association that W. R. Hunter, the well known "Children's Friend," was present, and expressed a wish that he might have the opportunity to address the Association and friends of Sabbath Schools, at some convenient time during our session.

The committee appointed at previous session to prepare a permanent Order of Business reported through Eld. W. T. Brooks. The report was received and committee discharged.

On motion of Eld. Walters, the Order of Business was adopted and ordered to be printed with minutes. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, Dr. Wait was requested to read the Circular Letter with which request he complied, when Eld. Brooks moved that in view of the formative state of our body and the absence of the chairman of the committee on the Circular Letter, the author of that document be requested to furnish a copy for publication with our minutes. The motion prevailed and Dr. Wait responded by placing the Letter at the disposal of the Association, a copy of which is herewith appended. (See Appendix B.)

By motion, Elder J. S. Purefoy was invited to a seat with us and take part in our deliberations, which he cordially accepted.

The report of the Executive Board was called for in order.

Elder Walters reported verbally that little had been done in consequence of the troubled state of the country; that at

the Union meeting at Brassfields, a collection had been taken up, amounting to about $12.00.

Eld. Wingate moved that the subjects of Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Education and Colportage, arranged under the Executive committee's report in the Order of Business, be announced singly by the Moderator and opened for discussion. The motion prevailed.

Associational Missions being under consideration, remarks were made by Elds. Walters, Brooks, Wingate, Skinner and Purefoy, the discussion relating principally to the best policy for the Association to pursue in the present political agitation and financial pressure, whether to attempt to carry on this department of benevolent operations or turn our funds and efforts in the direction of Colportage among the soldiers.

Pending this discussion the Moderator announced the following standing committees:

On Periodicals—Eld. Walters, Bro. Bell and P. A. Dunn.

On Sabbath Schools—Bro. D. Justice, W. H. Mitchell, Robt. Trawick.

To select Preachers for next year—Bro. P. Dunn, F. M. Purefoy, W. H. Williams.

To select time and place of next Association—S. D. Bevis, H. Haley, R. Trawick.

To nominate Executive Board—Eld. Brooks, Brethren J. L. Carroll, R. Trawick.

On motion of Elder Skinner, the Association took recess of one hour.

FRIDAY P. M.

After singing a hymn, the Association was called to order.

On motion a suspension of the Order was agreed to in order to hear the reading of a letter from the Raleigh church.

Consideration of Associational Missions resumed. After additional remarks from Elds. Brooks, Wingate, and Walters, the subject was left with the Executive Board.

A short time only was occupied in considering State Missions. The subject of Foreign Missions was next taken up.

Elder Wingate moved that the Executive Board be directed to send up to the Baptist State Convention all funds sent to this body for Foreign Missions, with a request that they be applied to the support of Bro. Yates in China. The motion was carried.

Elder T. E. Skinner moved to appropriate the collection

to be taken up next Sabbath to the support of Bro. Yates. After being discussed by Elders Purefoy, Wingate and Skinner, the motion prevailed.

The subject of Education was briefly considered.

Hour of adjournment was announced by the Moderator.

After benediction by Eld. J. S. Purefoy, adjourned until morning at the usual hour.

SATURDAY, Sept. 7.

After religious exercises conducted by Elder Walters, the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of delegates called and corrected.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved after corrections.

Subject of Colportage announced for consideration. Elders Wingate and Brooks made remarks.

Elder Walters offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work of Colportage among our soldiers should be prosecuted with energy.

This resolution being seconded, feeling and impressive remarks were made by Brethren David Justice, I. Winston, B. W. Justice, Dr. Wait, Elders Wingate, Walters, and J. D. Huf ham, and was then unanimously passed.

On motion of Elder Brooks, a collection was taken up, of which the proceeds shall be applied to Colportage among our soldiers. Brethren D. Justice, P. Dunn, and P. A. Dunn were requested to attend to the collection, and reported cash and pledges to the amount of $58, of which $15 was given for the benefit of the military hospitals in Virginia.

Elder Wingate moved the suspension of the Order, to call for the reports of the committees on Sabbath Schools and Periodicals, which motion prevailed.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro. D. Justice, chairman of the committee, and, on motion, received and the committee discharged. Elder Walters moved the adoption of the report. W. R. Hunter, the "Children's Friend," was then introduced to the Association, and delivered an earnest and impressive address in advocacy of Sabbath Schools, after which the motion prevailed. (See Appendix C.)

The usual hour for recess having arrived, called off for an hour.

SATURDAY P. M.

After singing, the Moderator called to order.

The committee on Periodicals reported through Elders Walters the following resolution:

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the labors of the Editor of our denominational organ, the Biblical Recorder, and that we extend to him, as far as we can, that support which the exigencies of the times demand.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged. Bro. W. H. Mitchell moved the adoption of the report, which was on motion laid on the table, to be called up hereafter.

The committee to nominate the Executive Board reported through Elder W. T. Brooks the following names, viz: N. E. Cannady, B. W. Justice, W. H. Mitchell, J. J. Freeman, F. M. Purefoy. The report was received and the committee discharged, and on motion of Elder Wingate, the nominations were confirmed.

Reports of corresponding messengers were called for. Elder W. M. Wingate reported attendance on the late session of the Tar River Association.

The Moderator appointed the following corresponding messengers:

To Tar River Association—Elder W. M. Wingate, Brethren S. D. Bevis, and W. H. Mitchell.

To Flat River Association—Dr. Wait, Elders Wingate and Walters, and Brethren N. E. Cannady and Rufus Walters.

On motion of Elder Walters, Elder J. D. Hufham was appointed a general corresponding messenger to any Association that he may attend.

Report was called for from the committee of Finance, who reported through Brother J. H. Bell. Report was received and committee discharged.

Elder Walters moved that the funds sent up by the churches and placed at the direction of the Association, excepting those sent from Wake Forest church, be equally divided among the objects of the Baptist State Convention, which motion prevailed.

Elder W. T. Brooks offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That all the funds forwarded to the Association by the churches for Colportage, together with the collection taken up this morning for the same purpose, be appropriated to that work among the army."

The resolution was adopted.

Elder Brooks then moved the adoption of Financial committee's report, subject however to amendment by the Executive Board until the time of printing the minutes, and that said report be appended to the minutes. The motion prevailed. (For report see Appendix D.)

A request from Prof J. H. Mills to be allowed to have notice of Oxford Female College printed with our minutes a

his own expense, was granted; and on motion, the same privilege was accorded to any other Baptist school.

Elder W. T. Brooks moved that the Clerk be instructed to have printed 500 copies of our minutes, including the minutes of last year, also the Constitution and By-Laws, and that he be allowed $10 for his services, which was carried.

Committee to select preachers for next year reported as follows: To preach Introductory sermon—Elder W. T. Brooks; Alternate, W. M. Wingate. To preach Missionary sermon—Elder T. E. Skinner; Alternate, Elder Wm. Royall.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and committee discharged.

The committee to select time and place of next session of the Association reported in favor of holding the next session with Brassfields church in Granville co., to commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1862. On motion, the report was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Elder Wingate, the thanks of this Association were returned to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for kind hospitalities extended to visitors and delegates.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Mitchell, the motion to adopt the report of the committee on Periodicals was taken from the table. Remarks were made by Elders Wingate, Walters, Brooks, and Hufham on the necessity of sustaining the Recorder and the good to be accomplished by circulating it among our soldiers, when a proposition to take up subscription for the purpose was made, which resulted in raising a considerable sum. A considerable number of persons also paid for copies of the Recorder to be sent to loved ones in the army.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was carried in the affirmative.

It was then moved and carried that the Association adjourn to the time and place agreed upon for holding the next session. At the request of the Moderator, Elder S. Wait offered the closing prayer, and pronounced the benediction, after which the Association was declared adjourned.

N. E. CANNADY, Moderator.

B. W. JUSTICE, Clerk.

SABBATH, September 8.

In the forenoon of this day, at 11 o'clock, the annual Missionary sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Wingate, A. M., to a large audience from Romans 1 : 14, after which a collection amounting to about $14, was taken up for the support of Elder M. T. Yates in China.

The congregation then dispersed to partake of refreshments provided by the brethren and friends.

In the afternoon the audience again assembled to listen to an earnest and feeling sermon from Elder J. D. Hufham of Raleigh, on Mark 8 : 36.

The congregation united in singing the parting hymn, "Hail sweetest, dearest tie," &c., and, after the benediction, separated.

Appendix.

A.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order.
3. Call for letters and enrolment of delegates.
4. Admission of new Churches.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers.
7. Appointment of committee on Religious Exercises.
8. Appointment of committee on Finance.
9. Appointment of committee on Periodicals.
10. Appointment of committee on Circular Letter.
11. Appointment of committee on Sabbath Schools.
12. Appointment of committee to select Preachers for next Association.
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B.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Ministers and Messengers of Central Association, convened at Mt. Vernon, September 5, 1861, *to the churches which they represent, send christian salutation.*

Dear Brethren:—Our present meeting has been a most harmonious one. We have felt that it was good for us to be here. All our deliberations have been conducted with the utmost harmony. And, unless we are greatly deceived, on leaving this place, we shall return to our families and our homes with a growing conviction that all the members of a gospel church have something to do for God. It has occurred to us, therefore, that, perhaps, we can not do better, in this our first Circular Letter, than to enlarge a little upon the thought, that every member of a gospel church, possessing common sense, has some work to do for God. This subject has not been altogether omitted in our Union Meeting. But, as only a small proportion of our members could be present at these discussions, it is thought it, might be prudent to recur to them in this connection. And here it may be remarked, that there is much in a christian experience, suited to throw light upon the point under consideration. Why is it, that among the earliest emotions of which the young convert is conscious, is found the wish to be active for God? Whatever may have been the previous habits of the man, whatever the vices in which he may have once indulged, on being brought to the knowledge of the truth, he asks, at once, the question propounded by the Apostle, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" It would seem then, that all the elements needful to engage the soul of a human being in the service of God, are found in a christian experience. In the organization of christian churches, therefore, our Lord has consulted as well the usefulness and comfort of his people, as his own glory. Assuming that it is the duty of all who have found the Savior precious, when permitted in the providence of God to do so, to connect themselves with the church of Christ, still important points, touching the question of duty, will remain to be settled. For instance, how often should churches meet for worship? Should these meetings be kept up in the absence of a pastor? Ought the members of a church, as a general rule, to attend their own meetings?

In regard to the frequency with which churches should meet for worship, we shall look in vain for any express precept upon the subject. But we have the example of the

primitive christians for meeting every Sabbath or first day of the week. In the gospel by John 20: 19, it is said: "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." And in the 26th verse of the same chapter it is added: "And after eight days, again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you." From various passages of Scripture it appears quite obvious that the early disciples met for public worship on the first day of the week. In Acts 20: 7 we read thus: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, and continued his speech until midnight." Without multiplying quotations, the passages already referred to, clearly show that, in early times professors of religion met for public worship on every Sabbath.

The custom of meeting at the place selected by the church for public worship, only once a month, is fraught with very hurtful consequences. Where this plan is generally adopted, no one seems to have a home upon the Sabbath. Too often children, servants and domestics are, to a great extent, neglected. The absence of the head of a family from home will, of itself, open the door to almost all kinds of disorders. The younger portion of the family, that so much needs the guiding hand of a parent, will go unrestrained. And what wonder, if, under such circumstances, these youthful offenders indulge in hunting, fishing, fighting, and profanity on the Lord's day.

Besides, who needs to be told that, under the circumstances just mentioned, the Sunday School, if indeed it ever existed, must be but a poor, sickly thing and destined in a short time to droop and die. With these things in view, can any brother, at heart a friend of Sabbath Schools, obtain his own consent to turn his back upon the church of which he forms a part? In addition to what has been already said, it may be remarked that the influence upon the cause of Christ, of the habit to which these observations allude, is decidedly unfavorable. On the first Sabbath of the month it is expected there will be preaching in a certain place. Many members of other churches are present, whose meetings occur on some of the other Sabbaths in the month. It is often the case that these brethren are under promise to dine out with some of

their friends. They are expected, and preparations are made accordingly. On the next Sabbath the same thing occurs again at the church whose meetings take place on the second Sabbath. These circumstances, happening at the several churches from month to month, are so precisely similar, that in describing one you describe all.

Now what is the tendency of this whole system? Let any one, familiar with its details, give us an answer. Let him look at the desecration of the Sabbath in the families of these visiting brethren, just because they are absent from their posts at home: let him call to mind the tone and bearing of the conversation too often indulged in at the place of dining; which conversation, if it be not highly censurable, is far enough from indicating a deep-toned piety; and then let him say, as in the presence of God, in what light these monthly meetings, with all their attending circumstances, ought to be viewed.

But another topic claims attention. Should these meetings be kept up every Sabbath, even in the absence of a Pastor? This question is answered in the affirmative.

What is a christian or gospel Church? It is a permanent institution organized by Jesus Christ, its Great Head and only Lawgiver. He has bestowed upon it all those gifts and graces deemed by himself needful for its future prosperity and usefulness. He has appointed such ordinances as he thought proper, and enacted all the laws required for the proper government of his people. In Ephesians, 4th chapter, Paul has enumerated some of the gifts conferred upon the church of Christ. Now the only conclusion to which we can come, touching the design of the Savior in the bestowment of these gifts, is, that they should be used for the edification and comfort of the people. It is not designed simply for the benefit of him who possesses it. It is true that in the exercise of his gifts, each one will best promote his own growth in grace. Still, the object in the bestowment of the gift, is the promotion of the best good of the body of the Church. Speaking of Christ, the Apostle says: "And he gave some Apostles, and some Prophets and some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers;" and immediately adds, "for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." The people of God are called the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Now suppose all these gifts bestowed by the blessed Savior are properly used, what would be the effect upon the church and the world at large? Who needs to be told?

These gifts are various. And this variety itself is doubtless to meet the wants of God's people. And besides all this, these gifts are capable of much growth. In their use from Sabbath to Sabbath, there would no doubt be found an increasing interest. The value of the bearing of all this upon the younger portion of the families, and especially upon the smaller children, can scarcely be too highly estimated. In such exercises, all, the little children only excepted, can take some part. If any adult should regard himself as incapable of becoming a teacher, he could, at least, become a pupil in the Sabbath School. In such an assemblage as this, prayers could be offered, spiritual songs could be sung, the word of God could be read, and free conversation allowed in regard to the meaning of the portion of Scripture read, and exhortations could be delivered. In the use of such means, a church would be in a good condition to realize fully its own wants. There is encouragement for those who find they lack wisdom. James 3d chapter and 3d verse says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

Is the Church in want of a Pastor? Let the 37th and 38th verses of the 9th chapter of Matthew be consulted: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers in his harvest." If any church need a Pastor, instead of looking at a distance for one, let it just ask God for what it wants. The gift needed may be just at hand. The promise is, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find."

But one other question requires some attention before we close this communication. Ought all the members of a church, as a general rule, to attend the weekly meetings of the church to which they belong? This we answer in the affirmative. But to this position some object. And who, permit us to ask, is the objector? Is he one of the most pious, devoted, and humble members of the church? Has he shown himself willing to make sacrifices for Christ? Do his walk and his daily conversation show that he feels a deep and abiding interest in the lasting prosperity of his church? Let these questions be carefully pondered and answered as in the presence of God. Especially let him who is framing some excuse for being absent from his church, the Sabbath school, and Bible class, look well to the character, of the motives by which he is swayed. Too often, it is feared, he will find that self-indulgence, in one form or another, has much to do in shaping his decisions.

Can it be that such a man is willing to take up his cross and ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Dear brethren, our Association is but a feeble body. Our number is yet small. But this circumstance ought not to discourage us. The most powerful organizations on earth had but a feeble origin. If our measures are good and wisely planned, our influence will be felt. We propose some changes in the practice of Baptist churches. We must expect, therefore, that our brethren composing sister Associations, will feel some hesitation about adopting at once the views we now entertain. We refer to no change in doctrine. We are now, and expect to continue to be Baptists. Our limits will permit us to give only a mere outline in regard to monthly meetings. The evils of these meetings, it is believed, have not been carefully considered by our brethren generally. It will probably surprise them when they come to reflect that less than one fourth of the time allotted them by the Master for building up their own churches, has been improved for this holy purpose. The system, long since adopted, takes the most active members from their proper place of worship more than three fourths of their time. Look at the tendency of this Sunday visiting. See how little it is suited to make good impressions. Had the members who went abroad upon the Sabbath, been at home and taken just such part in their own meetings as had fallen to their lot, deeper and more lasting impressions would have been made.

Contemplate for a few moments the bearing of weekly meetings upon the rising generation. A youth from early childhood will think of the Sabbath in connection with appropriate religious services. And all along the journey of life the tendency of this will be to induce him to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. We can easily see in what light we ought to view the objections sometimes urged by our brethren, to what we are now advancing. They cannot, they say, consent to be confined at home, the day seems so long and so dull. They can not be confined to one preacher all the time. Has the brother, who can satisfy his own conscience with such excuses as these, a correct conception of his own duty? He is a member of a christian church, established by Jesus Christ, its Great Lawgiver. He has some gifts bestowed expressly for the edification and comfort of the church of which he is a member. Perhaps he has children and servants to train. He has, too, a spiritual warfare to wage for himself. Now let all these gifts be exercised, in mercy given to the church, and then see if this objector does not find the Sabbath a delight.

The fact that he knows he is expected to take some part in conducting the meetings of the church, will have a good effect upon his own feelings. But if, when he thinks of his meetings, he allow himself to come to the conclusion that he will visit some other church at a convenient distance, where he will have no cross to take up, he will feel a sense of guilt and his own spirit will be saddened.

To the private brethren and the sisters we would address a few words. In carrying out the plan advocated in this Circular, much will depend upon the stand that you may take. If you treat with coldness and neglect the object here presented, it will terminate in a failure. Before you settle the point that you will not show this project any favor, ask God for light upon the subject. Remember he has a right to expect much at our hands. All the allusions in the Bible to the church of Christ, go to show that christians should be eminently a working people, ready to take up their cross daily and let their light shine. Some churches have acted upon the principle here recommended, and what is the result? Ask our brother Oncken of Hamburgh. It is believed to be less than thirty years ago that he found the Savior precious to his soul. All was then like Egyptian darkness in the whole land in which he lived. The Baptists were entirely unknown. Our brother read his Bible with prayerful attention. And from this holy source he soon found that the millions around him had no proper conception of a gospel church. He learned his duty, was baptized, was inducted into the Christian ministry, planted churches, and introduced, at once, the system we are now advocating. The consequence is, that in Germany, Denmark, Norway, and contiguous regions, the Baptists are now numbered by many thousands.

C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Mt. Vernon, Sept. 7th, 1861.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report, that all churches should have a Sabbath School, for, under God, it is next to the Gospel in winning souls to Christ. It does old christians good and keeps their armor bright, and makes them better Bible scholars while training the youth and leading them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Our hope is with the dear children while their minds are young and tender and susceptible of divine truth. The number of teachers and scholars in the Sabbath Schools at this time is estimated at 700,000 teachers and 8,000,000 of children, enlisted in England and America alone. Let us try to increase that great army under the banner of the Captain of our salvation, who hath said, "I love them that love me, and they that seek me early shall find me." Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing the Central Association, that they use their best endeavors in promoting the interests of Sabbath Schools among them, that God's holy name be glorified and the dear children saved through riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

D. JUSTICE, Chairman.

D.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Colportage.	Education.	Total,
The Forestville church reports,	$18 00	4 00	6 50	5 50	$34 00
The Forestville church reports sent to Virginia for army Colportage,	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Flat Rock church reports,	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
Brassfields church reports to be appropriated as Association may direct,	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Wake Forest church reports,	.....	260 00	.....	.....	260 00
Wake Forest church reports for the different objects of the Convention,	.....	.....	.....	.....	283 25
Wake Forest church reports for Colportage under direction of the Executive Board,	.....	.....	.....	.....	76 75
Franklinton church reports,	.....	14 00	.....	.....	14 00
Franklinton church reports to be equally divided between Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education and Colportage in the Army,	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
New Hope church reports for the different objects of the Convention,	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00
New Hope church reports,	.....	8 00	.....	.....	8 00
Mt. Vernon church reports,	.....	50 00	.....	.....	50 00
Mt. Vernon church reports for Colportage in the army,	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Roleigh church reports,	.....	145 00	.....	.....	145 00
Raleigh church reports for benefit of the army,	.....	.....	.....	.....	700 00
Collection for Colportage in the army,	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 00
Contributed by a young lady for the Hospitals of the army,	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Contributed by churches for Associational fund,	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Collection on Sabbath,	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Total,	$18 00	491 00	6 50	5 50	$1801 50

Respectfully submitted,

PETERSON DUNN,
J. H. BELL,
W. H. MITCHELL,
} Com.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Members.	Blacks.	Total.	Association Fund.
Franklinton,...	W. M. Wingate,	Franklinton,...	6	6	..	..	..	..	20	14	84	$ 5 00
Elat Rock,....	Wm. Royal,..	Franklinton,...	37	1	3	1	2	2	126	45	171	5 00
Brassfields,....	W. T. Walters,	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	117	31	148	5 00
Wake Forest,.	W. M. Wingate,	Forestville, ...	2	6	9	1	1	..	43	45	88	5 00
Forestville,....	W. T. Brooks,	Forestville, ...	4	2	2	..	..	..	....	....	....	5 00
New Hope,....	W. T. Walters,	Raleigh,.....	7	4	6	..	2	1	77	16	93	5 00
Mt. Vernon,...	W. T. Brooks,	Raleigh,.....	4	..	1	..	2	4	122	55	177	5 00
Raleigh,.....	T. E. Skinner,	Raleigh,.....	..	10	14	..	7		213	225	438	5 00
			60	29	35	2	14	7	718	431	1149	$40 00

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September 13, 1861.

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" in Music,	10
Board,	50

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J. H. MILLS,
Oxford, N. C.

AN ABSTRACT
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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

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ALSO

MINUTES
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September 18, 1863.

[The minutes of the Association for 1862 having been mislaid by the printer the following account taken from the Biblical *Recorder*—will show the transactions of that session, except the reports of committees:]

The body met with the church at Brassfields on Thursday, the 18th of September. Elder W. M. Wingate preached the Introductory sermon. After the usual intermission, the delegates assembled, and bro. S. H. Cannady was appointed Moderator *pro tem.* Bro. D. T. Averitt was requested to act as clerk.

The letters were read, and the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted in the choice of brother N. E. Cannady for Moderator and bro. D. T. Averitt for Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the following appeared, viz:

From the Raleigh Association—I. Winston.

From the Flat River—Elders R. H. Marsh and J. P. Montague, and brethren J. M. Satterwhite, E. Dalby and E. Winston.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Religious Exercises—the pastor and deacons of the church.

On Finance—brethren Mitchell, Beves and Bell.

On Periodicals—Elder Wait and brethren R. D. Walters and John Trawick.

On Circular letter—Elder Walters and brethren Timberlake and Lassiter.

On Sabbath Schools—brethren F. M. Purefoy, D. Justice, and A. R. Vann.

To appoint preachers for the next session—brethren Bell, Beves and Mitchell; to select time and place for next session—brethren J. Trawick and Lassiter.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 9 1-2 o'clock tomorrow.

Prayer by Prof. Walters.

FRIDAY, Sept. 19, 1863.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Wait.

The constitution and rules of decorum were read.

On motion of Elder Wingate, the appointment of a committee on the religious instruction of our colored population was made the 10th item in the order of business. Elders Wingate and Hufham were appointed to report on the subject at the next session of the Association.

On motion of Elder Walters, the election of Treasurer was made the 21st item in the order of business.

The invitation to visiting brethren was accepted by Elder M. T. Sumner, Cor. Sec. D. M. B. S. B. C.

Corresponding delegates to other Associations were called on to report. Elder Hufham and bro. N. E. Cannady had attended the Flat River, and bro. Trawick the Raleigh Association.

The following delegates were appointed:

To the Tar River Association—Elders Wingate and Hufham, and brethren Beves and Mitchell.

To Flat River—Elders Wait and Wingate and brethren N. E. Cannady and Walters.

To Raleigh—Elder Skinner and brethren Justice, Trawick and Palmer.

To Beulah—Elders Wingate, Walters and bro. Palmer.

To Union and Sandy Creek—Elder Hufham.

On motion, brother S. H. Dunn was re-elected Treasurer.

Elder Hufham was appointed to write the Circular Letter for the next session.

Elder Brooks was appoint to preach Introductory sermon, Elder Royall, alternate. To preach the missionary sermon, Elder Hufham; Elder Wingate alternate.

The Association then took a recess of an hour and a half.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder Wait read the report on Periodicals.

Pending the motion for its adoption, addresses were delivered by Elders Wait, Wingate, Sumner, Walters, Marsh, Skinner and others, and $41 were contributed to send the *Recorder* to the soldiers.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by bro. F. M. Purefoy. Brethren Palmer, Justice and others spoke on the importance of Sabbath Schools, and on motion the report was laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, Sept. 20th.

The preliminary exercises over, the report on Sabbath Schools was called up and after interesting addresses was adopted. Brethren Palmer, Justice, Beves, A. F. Purefoy and N. E. Cannady were appointed a committee to visit the churches of the Association, and attempt to increase their interest in this department of christian labor. It was decided to hold the next session of the Association with the church at New Hope, Wake county. The report of the Executive Board was read and adopted. The committee to nominate a Board reported the names of brethren F. M. Purefoy, Beves, Bell and J. W. Fort. The Association then called off for half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

It was agreed that Elder Sumner be allowed to address the congregation immediately after the missionary sermon on Sunday, and that the collection then taken up, be appropriated to Army Missions.

The report of the financial committee was read and received.

It was agreed to pay over to Elder N. B. Cobb the funds sent up by the churches for Army Colportage.

It was moved that 500 copies of the minutes be printed, and that the clerk have $10 for his services.

After the usual resolutions of thanks, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Sumner.

SABBATH.

At eleven o'clock Elder Skinner delivered to address the Missionary Sermon. He was followed by Elder Sumner in an address in behalf of Army Missions, and a collection amounting to $230 35 was made.

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, there was no preaching in the afternoon.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION. 1863

New Hope Church, Wake Co., N. C., Sept. 17th 1863.

The delegates composing the Central Baptist Association met to-day (Thursday,) at eleven o'clock. Elder Wm. T. Brooks preached the Introductory sermon, from Isaiah lx: 1 —"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

After an intermission of one hour the delegates assembled and proceeded to organize the Association. The exercises were opened with singing and prayer by Elder J. L. Carroll.

The Moderator being absent, on motion, bro. S. S. Biddle was appointed Moderator *pro tem* and W. J. Palmer, Clerk *pro tem*. The Moderator called for letters from the churches. Letters were received and delegates enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE and CLERK.	Baptized.	R. by let'r.	Dism'ed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.
Franklinton,....	W H Mitchell,* S D Beves, J A Pittman*, A D Ellis*, B C Williams*....	W M Wingate,..	Franklinton, A D Ellis, Clerk.....	5					1	25	16	41
Flat Rock,	J J Freeman, R S Timberlake*, A S Gill,* Julius Timberlake,* Wm J Freeman,*	Wm. Royall,...	Franklinton, R H Timberlake, Clerk,....	80	3		1		4	150	70	229
Wake Forest,.....	John M Brewer, J H Foote,* Edgar Purefoy,* S S Biddle.	W M Wingate,..	Forestville, John M Brewer, Clerk,....	13	1	7		1		57	36	98
Forestville,.....	J R Dunn*, S Horn, Junius W Fort,* J L Dunn*, F M Purefoy,.....	W T Brooks,....	Forestville, F M Purefoy, Clerk,....	10	3	2		1		48	9	54
New Hope	Robert Trawick, R J Ivey, H W Buffaloe B B Buffaloe, J W Trawick,.....	W T Walters,....	Raleigh, R J Ivey, Clerk,....		3			2	5	72	17	89
Mt. Vernon, ...	D Justice,* P Dunn* J H Bell*, E Gill,* J B Lassiter*.....	W T Brooks,.....	Dunnsville, J H Bell, Clerk,....	1	1			4	4	116	50	166
Raleigh,...	John Armstrong, J Nicholls* Willie J Palmer. Alternates —R M Jones, L H Adams, W C Upchurch,*.....	T E Skinner,.....	Raleigh, L H Adams, Clerk,....	47	9	6	1	4	3	239	206	445
Brassfields,....	R Vann,* S H Cannady, H Haley,* J F Moore*.....	W T Walters,...	Tranquility, N E Cannady, Clerk,....	16	1	1			2	134	31	165
				172	26	16	2	12	19	847	432	127

Those marked thus * absent.

On motion of bro. S. D. Beves, the election of officers for the next Associational year was postponed until Friday, 11 o'clock A. M.

An invitation extended to visiting brethren to take seats in the Association was accepted by Elder J. L. Carroll corresponding delegate from the Beulah Association and bro. Jos. Wingate of the Welsh Neck Association of South Carolina.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance—Brethren S. D. Beves, F. M. Purefoy, John Armstrong.

On Periodicals—Brethren W. J. Palmer, Robt. Trawick and Elder J. L. Carroll.

On Circular Letter—Elders W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters, and bro. John M. Brewer.

To select Preachers for next year—Brethren J. W. Fort, S. D. Beves, W. J. Palmer.

To select time and place for next Association—Brethren Freeman, R. J. Ivey, F. M. Purefoy.

On motion the Pastor and Deacons of New Hope church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, the appointment of the committee on Sabbath Schools was postponed for the present.

On motion, it was resolved to spend an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Elder W. T. Brooks after which the Association adjourned to 10 o'clock Friday Morning.

On motion, it was agreed, that the Association meet each morning at 10 o'clock, take an intermission from half past 12 to 1 and adjourn at 4 P. M.

Friday Morning, Sept 18.

The Association met at the appointed hour and was opened by singing a hymn and prayer by Elder J. L. Carroll.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees noted.

Several new delegates appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to prepare an abstract of the letters from different churches and publish with the minutes.

The Executive Board not being ready to report, were indulged until to-morrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to nominate an Executive Board for the next year—Elder W. T. Brooks and brethren P. A. Dunn and H. W. Buffaloe, were appointed on that committee.

The report of corresponding delegates to other Associations was called for.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed:

To Tar River Associations—Elder W. M. Wingate and bro. S. D. Beves.

To Flat River—brethren N. E. Cannaday and Rufus Walters.

To Raleigh—To meet at Piney Grove church, Wake County, on Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in September. Elder J. D. Hufham, and Brethren J. W. Trawick, Lynn Adams and B. B. Buffaloe.

To Beulah—To meet at Clement, Person County, on Friday before 2nd Sabbath in August. Elders W. T. Walters, T. E. Skinner and bro. W. J. Palmer.

To Sandy Creek—Elders J. D. Hufham and T. E. Skinner.

To Union—To meet with Beulah church, Sampson County, on Tuesday after 1st Sabbath in October. Elders J. D. Hufham and T. E. Skinner.

The following officers were elected for the next associational year:

S. S. Biddle, Moderator.

W. J. Palmer, Clerk.

S. H. Dunn, Treasurer.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to arrange as well as possible the minutes of the meeting of the Association held at Brassfields in 1862, and publish with the minutes of this meeting.

Bro. W. H. Pace, from the Raleigh Association, was invited to a seat as corresponding delegate.

The Association then took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met.

The committee on the time and place of next Association reported in favor of Flat Rock church in Franklin County, as the place for the next meeting. On motion, the time of meeting was changed to Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in October. The report was adopted.

The committee to select preachers for the next Association reported as follows:

Elder W. M. Wingate to preach the Introductoy sermon. Elder T. E. Skinner, alternate. Elder W. T. Walters to preach the Missionary sermon. Elder W. T. Brooks, alternate. The report was adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools, appointed to visit the different churches made a report, (A.) After remarks by brethren Paliner, Carroll, Armstrong, Walters, A. F. Purefoy, eliciting interesting information, the report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Palmer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 19.

On account of the incessant rain during the morning, the Association did not meet until three o'clock P. M. The proceedings were opened with prayer by bro. A. F. Purefoy. The Clerk being absent, bro. A. F. Purefoy was appointed Clerk *pro tem.*

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Bro. S. H. Cannady presented the letter from Brassfields church, which was read.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board, reported the names of the following brethren: F. M. Purefoy, Elder Wm. T. Brooks, S. D. Beves, J. H. Bell and J. W. Fort. The report was adopted.

The Finance committee made a report (B) which was received, with the provision that the clerk should complete the report and enter it upon the minutes.

On motion of Elder W. T. Walters, the Clerk was requested to have five hundred copies of the minutes of this meeting printed.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed the usual fee for his services.

The committee to nominate a Sabbath School committee to visit the churches of the Association during the year reported the names of brethren W. J. Palmer, David Justice, S. D. Beves, A. F. Purefoy and N. E. Cannady. The report was adopted.

The Executive Board reported, and after some discussion, on motion, the report was re-committed for completion to be inserted in the minutes.

On motion of bro. F. M. Purefoy, the chairman of the committee on Periodicals was requested to insert his report in

the minutes, after submitting it to the other members of the committee for their approval (C,) Elder W. T. Walters offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to take up a collection for the different objects of christian benevolence, at each meeting next preceding the several Union Meetings of the Associational year, and forward the same to the Executive Board.

On motion of bro. S. D. Beves, the thanks of the Association were tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of the vicinity of New Hope for their kind hospitalities extended to delegates and visitors.

On motion of bro. F. M. Purefoy, the Executive Board was requested to have the time and place of the Union meetings for the next year, inserted in the minutes of this session; also to have the time and place of each meeting published in the Biblical *Recorder* two weeks previous to the meeting.

On motion of Elder W. T. Walters, the Association adjourned.

S. S. BIDDLE, Mod'r.

Willie J. Palmer, *Clerk.*

Sabbath.

On Sabbath the Missionary sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Brooks from Acts 28: 28 to a large and attentive congregation and a collection was taken up amounting to $121 10.

Elder J. K. Howell preached in the afternoon.

Appendix.

A.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

At the last meeting of the Association a committee was appointed to visit the different churches within the bounds of the Association, and endeavor to excite a greater interest in the cause of Sabbath Schools, and in case they should find any church without a Sabbath School to endeavor to organize one. The committee were unable from various causes to accomplish fully the desired objects, but beg leave to report what they were able to do—as no definite plan of action was laid down, they concluded that it would be best as far as possible to visit the churches at an appointed time, spend the day in appropriate exercises, such as short speeches, singing, &c., calculated to interest the children feeling assured that if they became interested, the main difficulty in regard to keeping up Sabbath Schools would be overcome. The following churches were visited by some member of the committee viz: Brassfields, New Hope, Forestville, Raleigh and Mt. Vernon, at each of which they found Sabbath Schools in operation, several of them being in a flourishing condition. They were unable to visit Flat Rock, Franklinton and Wake Forest College, but were happy to learn that Sabbath Schools were in operation at each of those places.

In addition to the Schools connected with the several churches the committee were pleased to learn that several Missionary Schools had been organized in destitute sections through the agency of bro. A. F. Purefoy, which were doing a great amount of good to those for whose benefit they were established.

While the committee feel gratified that they are able to present so encouraging a statement of what is being done in the Sabbath School work they feel that much more can be accomplished if the brethren will become aroused to a sense of the duty they owe to the rising generation. The Sabbath School which has been at all times an institution of great importance to any country, acquires additional importance in our present distressed condition. As has been truly re-

marked, "In times of revolution when the very channels of thought are disturbed, when law and order are shaken, when the restraints upon the vile passion of nature are weakened, when the tendencies are to dethrone conscience, and worse than all these unhappy influences are brought to bear upon the tender mind of youth, the Sabbath School, the inculcator of pure and sound principles of morality rises to infinite importance and should be fostered with increased devotion."

Now is the time to engage in this great and glorious work. As so many schools have suspended operations, in various sections on account of the war, the Sabbath School, is left to many children the only source from which they can receive instruction.

Your committee would most respectfully urge, that the older brethren and the sisters, and all who are permitted to remain at home, take the places of those Sabbath School teachers who have left ALL, and nobly gone forth in defence of our homes and firesides. If this is done, the Sabbath Schools will be kept up, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are engaged in a noble work for which they will receive a great reward.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIE J. PALMER, Chm'n.

B.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION FOR 1863.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Association Fund.	State Missions.	Recorder for N. C. Troops.	Foreign Missions.	N. C. Hospital Petersburg.	Colportage.	Education.	Total.
Franklinton, cash,	10 00							10 00
Amount collected and paid out,			25 00	50 00	25 00	40 00		140 00
Flat Rock, cash,	14 00					110 00		124 00
Brassfields, cash,	10 00					73 00		83 25
Amount collected and paid out,						75 25		75 00
Wake Forest, cash,	5 00	10 00		14 00		74 50	13 00	117 00
Amount collected and paid out,						52 00		
Forestville, cash,	15 00					242 50		257 50
New Hope, cash,	5 00					37 00		
Amount collected and paid out,						68 15		105 15
Raleigh, cash,	10 00							10 00
Amount collected and paid out,						525 25		525 25
Mt. Vernon,	6 00							6 00

C.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The committee on Perodicals beg leave to recommend the *Biblical Recorder* under the care of Elder J. D. Hufham to the patronage and support of the denomination. They would state that it is higherly important that the *Recorder* should be well sustained, and they believe it to be the duty of every member of the church to endeavor to increase its circulation.

They would also recommend the *Child's Index*, published by Rev. S. Boykin of Macon, Georgia, as well suited to children.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIE J. PALMER, Chm'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 1861 AND 1862.

Received of Finance Committee of the Central Association which met at Mt. Vernon, Wake co.,		$40 00
Cr.		
Paid for the minutes,		38 00
Balance,		2 00

Received of the Finance committee of the Central Association which met at Brassfields Granville county,		$71 50
Cr.		
Paid to bro. W. H. Mitchell, per order of Association,	10 00	
Paid bro. J. T. Averitt, per order of Association,	10 70	20 70
Balance on hand,		50 00

All of which is submitted

MINUTES

OF THE

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Franklinton, Franklin County, N. C.

OCTOBER 5th—7th, 1865.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FRANKLINTON, N. C., Oct. 5, 1865.

The Association met to-day, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder W. T. Brooks preached the introductory sermon, from the 37th and 38th verses of the 9th chapter of Matthew. After recess, the Association was organized by the appointment of brother N. E. Cannady, Moderator *pro tem*, and B. W. Justice temporary clerk.

Elder Wm. Royall offered prayer for a blessing on the body and its deliberations.

Brother W. J. Palmer was appointed reading clerk.

The list of churches was called, the letters read, and delegates enrolled as follows:

BRASSFIELDS—J. Y. Moss, J. I. Moore, Jas. Clay, J. Y. McGee, N. E. Cannady.

FLAT ROCK—J. P. Timberlake, A. C. Mitchell, C. M. Cooke, R. A. Hicks, J. J. Freeman.*

FRANKLINTON—S. D. Beves, W. H. Mitchell, W. H. Williams, J. A. Morris, A. D Ellis.

FORESTVILLE—F. M. Purefoy, D. T. Averitt*, P. A. Dunn, S. H. Dunn*, W. B. Smith*.

MOUNT VERNON—B. W. Justice, R. D. Honeycutt, Wm. W. Wynne, E. E. Gill, David Gill.

NEW HOPE—W. H. Buffaloe*, W. A. Baugh*, Robert Trawick, R. J. Ivey*, H. W. Buffaloe*.

PERRY'S CHAPEL—A. C. Perry, O. G. Dicken, Ezra Gill, W. J. Wilder*, C. H. Perry.

RALEIGH—W. J. Palmer, Elder J. D. Hufham, John Nichols, W. H. Spencer, M. B. Royster*.

WAKE FOREST—J. H. Foote, Wm. B. Royall, W. G. Simmons*, J. H. Dunn.

Brother A. C. Perry made application for the admission of Perry's Chapel, Franklin county, presented letter of dismission from Tar River Association, and explained the absence of a petitionary letter. On motion of Elder Wingate, the church was admitted to membership in this body, and the Moderator extended to her delegates present the right hand of fellowship.

The Association proceeded to ballot for permanent officers for the ensuing Associational year. Brother N. E. Cannady was chosen Moderator, B. W. Justice Clerk, and S. H. Dunn Treasurer.

*Absent.

Invitation to Corresponding Messengers was extended, and accepted by Brother Isaac Winston, from the Raleigh Association. On motion of brother S. D. Beves, brother A. C. Perry was recognized as a delegate from Perry's chapel, in absence of some of the delegates from that body.

The Moderator made the following appointment of committees:

On Finance—Elder J. D. Hufham and brethren J. H. Dunn and J. Y. Moss.

On Religious Exercises—The pastor and the deacons of Franklinton church.

On Periodicals—Brethren J. H. Dunn, W. J. Palmer, and W. H. Williams.

On Religious Instruction of Colored Population—Elders Hufham and Walters, and brother P. A. Dunn.

To select preachers for next session of this body—Brethren A. C. Perry, P. A. Dunn and J. Y. Moss.

On place of next meeting of this Association—Brethren S. D. Beves, J. H. Foote, and J. P. Timberlake.

On Religious condition of the Churches—Elders Brooks, Royall and Walters.

On Missions—Brethren Foote and C. M. Cooke, and Elder Hufham.

Elder Royall moved the appointment of a committee on Education; which motion prevailed, and the Moderator named the following members of this committee: Elder Royall, brethren Wm. W. Payne and J. J. Moore.

The hours of meeting and adjournment for each day were fixed by motion, as follows:—for the forenoon session, meet at 10 and adjourn at 12 1-2 o'clock; and for the afternoon session:—meet at 2 1-2 and adjourn at 5 o'clock.

Elder Wingate made a partial report from the committee on Religious exercises, announcing that Elder Walters will preach to-night.

Report of the committee to revise Constitution and Rules of Order, appointed at last session, was called for, and Elder J. D. Hufham read the Constitution and Rules of Order which had been prepared and were now submitted as a substitute for the old. On motion the report was received

A motion was made for the adoption of the Constitution and Rules as submitted, when Elder Walters moved to strike out the last clause of the 14th Article of the Constitution, which provides for a denominational sermon at each annual session of the Association. The motion received a second, and an interesting debate ensued, after which both the motion to amend and that to adopt were laid upon the table.

The Association then adjourned until to-morrow, after benediction by Elder Hufham.

FRIDAY, Oct. 6th 186[illegible].

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator, after prayer by Elder Walters. Letter was received and read and delegates enrolled from New Hope church. Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. Roll of the delegates was called and corrected.

Invitation to visiting brethren in the ministry and corresponding messengers from sister organizations, was again extended; Elder T. B. Kingsbury from Tar River, and brethren B. T. Winston and E. Dalby from Flat River were announced and welcomed.

On motion, the unfinished business of yesterday, being the motion to adopt the Constitution submitted by the Committee of last year, and the proposition to amend the same, was taken from the table. After a short debate the question on the amendment was taken and decided in the affirmative, and the clause requiring an annual denominational sermon was expunged.

Bro. Justice moved to amend the 3d Article of the Constitution in such a manner as to make ministers having membership in churches belonging to this Association members of this body by virtue of their office. After remarks against by Elder Hufham, and in favor of the amendment, by Elder Walters, the amendment was rejected.

The Constitution was then adopted.

On motion of Elder Royall, the rules of Order were also adopted.

Bro. Foote moved that the Clerk be instructed to have the new Constitution and Rules printed with the minutes of this session which prevailed. [See Appendix.]

On motion of bro. Justice the minutes of yesterday were so amended as to limit the duties of one of the committees to selection of place for the next session of this body, as the time is fixed by Constitution.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Committee to nominate Executive Board: Brethren W. H. Mitchell, Beves, and Palmer.

Report of Corresponding Messengers was then called for. None had attended and there was no report.

Appointment of Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations was made as follows:

To Raleigh Association—Brethren Jno. W. Trawick and Palmer, and Elder Hufham.

To Tar River Association—Elders Royall and Hufham, and Bro. J. H. Foote.

To Flat River Association—Elders Wingate and Hufham and brother N. E. Cannady.

To Beulah Association—Elders Hufham and Walters and brother Palmer.

To Sandy Creek Association—Elders Huf ham and Brooks and brother S. H. Dunn.

The Committee on Finance made their report as follows, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Financial Committee report the following sums received for minutes:

Brassfields,	$ 10 00	Franklinton,	8 00
Flat Rock,	10 00	New Hope,	10 00
Forestville,	6 00	Perry's Chapel,	6 50
Mount Vernon,	4 00	Raleigh,	12 50
Wake Forest,	7 00		
		Total,	$ 74 00

J. D. HUFHAM.

Report of Executive Board was made verbally by Elder Brooks, stating that the Board had received no funds and paid out none during the past year, and so had nothing to report. On motion, this report was received.

Report of Committee on Religious Instruction of Colored Population was made through Elder Huf ham. On motion the report and the motion to adopt were laid on the table until afternoon session. Association then took recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. The unfinished business, being the report of Committee on Religious Instruction, &c., was taken from the table. After remarks from Elders Huf ham and Wingate and brethren P. A. Dunn and Palmer, the report was adopted. It reads as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF OUR COLORED POPULATION.

The religious instruction of our colored population is a work of vast importance one that demands prompt attention, but still delicate and difficult of accomplishment. Every consideration of interest, humanity, and religion binds us to enter on it and at once. These people, ignorant and credulous, and possessing lively emotions and strong passions, may easily become a dangerous and baneful element in every community. The same characteristics, that render them so dangerous if left to themselves or to be moulded by unprincipled men, will make them harmless and useful if surrounded by proper influences. If, therefore, we would secure the peace of our own neighborhoods and the prosperity and well-being of the State at large, we must seek to instruct and guide the negro into paths of quiet and honest industry. *We* must do this work and gradually remedy the evils under which we now labor, or see them greatly increased and aggravated through our own neglect. If *we* do not enter on this work, others, who, as we have learned from sad experience, are not so well qualified for the task, will go in among them and mould them according to their own will.

A higher and holier consideration is that the teachings and example of Christ make it our imperative duty to do all that we can to fit them for usefulness in this world and happiness in the world to come. This can only be done by acquainting them with the truths of the gospel and bringing them under its saving influences. What excuse can we render if we fail to do what we can in this regard? How satisfy our own consciences, or meet the searching enquiries of our august Judge in the last great day?

Your committee are of the opinion that every reflecting christian has felt the force of these truths. How best to accomplish this work, it is perhaps impossible to determine at this time, amid the uncertainty and confusion which prevail around us. Perhaps all that we can do, at present, is to urge the churches to use every prudent effort for ameliorating the spiritual condition of the negro, to give him, to the full extent of their ability, instruction in the truths of the gospel—without recommending any specific plan.

It is a question which must soon be decided by the churches, whether they will retain in their fellowship their colored members, or dismiss them to form separate and independent organizations. Your committee would recommend, for the present, that where they are disposed to remain and submit to the regulations heretofore existing, they be allowed to do so, and that every effort which the circumstances of the case will justify be made to render them intelligent and active church members. But where they wish to withdraw, that letters of dismission be given them, and that such aid and encouragement be extended them as may be compatible with the interests and duties of each body.

Your committee would also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend to the pastors of the churches composing this Association that they hold special services for the colored people as often as convenient.

Resolved, That we recommend the establishment of Sabbath Schools for the instruction of the colored people under the control of the churches whenever it may be practicable.

Committee to select place for the next session of this body reported, recommending Forestville. On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Committee on Missions reported through brother Foote. Elder Huf ham moved its adoption. After remarks by Elders Wingate and Walters, brother J. H. Dunn moved that the subject be laid on the table and made the special order for to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock; carried.

Committee on Periodicals reported through brother J. H. Dunn. Its adoption was moved and seconded, when Elder Brooks moved its postponement until to-morrow, which latter motion prevailed.

Committee on Education reported through Elder Royall. Elder Hufham moved that this report also be deferred until to-morrow; which motion was decided affirmatively.

Elder Huf ham moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the amendment of the 3d Article of the Constitution providing for *ex officio* membership of ministers belonging to churches of this Association was lost, he having voted with the majority. The motion to reconsider was seconded and carried. The question then recurred upon the motion to amend. After remarks from Elders Walters and

Huf ham, and brethren P. A. Dunn and Palmer, the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Elder Royall moved the appointment of a committee to select suitable times and places for the Ministers' and Deacons' meetings during the Associational year: the motion prevailed, and Elder Royall, brother J. H. Foote, and Elder Huf ham were placed on the Committee.

Elder Walters moved the adoption of the following resolution from the report of a Committee of last year, which prevailed:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to take up a collection for the different objects of christian benevolence at each meeting next preceding the several Union Meetings of the Associational year, and forward the same to the Executive Board.

On motion, adjourned after prayer by Elder Brooks.

SATURDAY, Oct. 7th, 1865.

The Association was called to order, and after prayer by Elder T. B. Kingsbury the roll was called, the minutes read and approved.

By consent of the body, the special order was suspended in order to receive the report of the committee on the Condition of the Churches which was made through Elder Brooks as follows:

ON RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

The letters from the churches indicate a low state of religion. There is an apathy pervading the churches which is truly alarming. But few additions have been made to our number during the past year. Our beloved Zion is in a languishing condition. Her harp is hung upon the willow, while she looks back with sorrow to happier and better days. How is this fatal spell to be broken? When will she put on her strength and come forth again in all her beauty? These are questions which ought to impress the hearts of all the true disciples of Christ. For it is very evident that the churches will not enter upon the great work which lies before them, until they are aroused from their present state of lethargy, and feel more sensibly their duty and obligations to God.

Several causes have conspired to produce this unhappy state of things. The long and intense excitement and the deep afflictions through which the church has passed, have tended greatly to depress her spirits and to weaken her efforts in all her benevolent operations. The most effectual remedy to counteract the unhappy influence which has been brought to bear upon the church, is for her to resume *immediately* the duties of her high vocation, and to labor with zeal to establish the kingdom of Christ in all the earth.

W. T. BROOKS,
W. T. WALTERS, } Com.
W. ROYALL,

After remarks by Elders Brooks, Walters, Kingsbury, and Hufham and a feeling prayer by Elder Royall, the report was adopted.

On motion of brother W. J. Palmer, the report on Periodicals was taken from the table.

The report was read as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee have heard with pleasure that the publication of the RECORDER will be resumed at an early date, under the management of the former editor, Rev. J. D. Huf ham. We therefore recommend it to the cordial and hearty support of the denomination, as it is highly important that our denominational organ should be introduced into every family.

J. H. DUNN, Chairman.
W. J. PALMER,
W. H. WILLIAMS.

After remarks by brother W. J. Palmer and Elder W. M. Wingate, and obtaining a considerable number of subscribers for the *Recorder*, the report was adopted

On motion of brother W. J. Palmer the following brethren were appointed a committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board for the next Associational year, viz: W. H. Mitchell, W. T. Walters, and R. Trawick.

The Association then took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order.

Elder Royall offered the following resolution which was adopted, and ordered to be appended to the report of the committee on Periodicals.

Resolved, That this Association deem it proper to express the opinion that old subscribers to the RECORDER to whom the editor is due for monies paid for which they did not receive an equivalent, should release him from the obligation to furnish them with the paper about to be published.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board reported the following which was adopted: Elder W. T. Brooks and brethren P. A. Dunn, J. H. Bell, J. W. Fort and R. Trawick.

The Committee to select preachers for the next session reported as follows which was adopted:

To preach Introductory Sermon—Elder W. T. Walters.
To preach Missionary Sermon—Elder W. M. Wingate.
To preach Denominational Sermon—Elder J. D. Huf ham.

The Committee to select time and place of Union Meetings reported as follows which was adopted:

Fifth Sabbath in October at Flat Rock; fifth Sabbath in December at Brassfields; fifth Sabbath in April at Mount Vernon; fifth Sabbath in July at Perry's Chapel.

The following report on Missions was taken from the table and adopted, viz:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

1st. Home Missions. This Association was organized about five years ago. As it extended over a small space of territory, the subject of Home Missions did not require so much attention as other objects. But as we are enlarging our borders by the addition of other churches, and thereby covering ground which greatly needs cultivation, we recommend that steps should early be taken to occupy the whole of our territory by keeping a Missionary constantly in the field, visiting the waste places and proclaiming the great truths of the Bible to the poor. We earnestly recommend that our churches contribute as liberally as their present condition will allow, to the great object of spreading the Gospel in our beloved native land. We would also recommend that our ministering brethren urge this matter upon their congregations, and solicit contributions to carry on the work.

2nd. Foreign Missions. Our national troubles have greatly retarded our efforts in this noble christian enterprise. Your Committee have no data, at present, to show what is the condition of Foreign Missions. Our beloved brother Yates is still in the field; and as soon as the disturbed condition of our country will justify it, we hope that the hearts of our brethren will be stirred again to great efforts in sustaining, not only those already in distant lands wholly given to the work, but that others may be enabled to go and preach the gospel to millions of our race who have never heard the name of Jesus. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. How shall they believe in whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. FOOTE,
C. M. COOKE,
J. D. HUFHAM.

The following report on Sabbath Schools was adopted after interesting remarks by brother W. J. Palmer and Elder W. T. Walters, viz:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

During the past Associational year the members of your Committee have been unable from various causes to visit the different churches within the bounds of the Association. From information derived from the letters from the churches and other sources, we regret to be compelled to report that the Sabbath School cause has not been so prosperous during the past year, as we had hoped it would be from the encouraging statement made at our last Association. The condition of the Sabbath School cause, as far as we have been able to ascertain it, is embraced in the following statement:

At Brassfield's, three Schools have been taught by members of the church in their respective neighborhoods. The number of scholars reported about 100.

At Forestville the Sabbath School was discontinued early in the spring. Greenwood one of the Schools connected with this church is still in a very flourishing condition.

At Franklinton there is a Sabbath School with a regular attendance of abou. 20 pupils. Brother A. D. Ellis is the Superintendent.

At Flat Rock there are two Sabbath Schools reported under the charge of brethren L. Perry and J. P. Timberlake with 79 scholars in attendance.

At Mount Vernon the Sabbath School was in a prosperous condition until August when it was suspended on account of several cases of small-pox in the vicinity.

At New Hope they had no Sabbath School during the year.

At Perry's Chapel they have no Sabbath School.

At Raleigh there is an increased interest in the Sabbath School. About two hundred scholars are reported and thirty one teachers. Brother W. J. Palmer is the Superintendent. At Wake Forest the Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition, also at Woodland the arm of this church, where the labors of brother A. F. Purefoy continue to be greatly blessed. Brother J. M. Brewer is the Superintendent at Wake Forest church.

During the next year we hope to see an increased interest in this important work. Let the pastors urge the members of their church, to do their duty towards the children by establishing Sabbath Schools. We call upon the Shepherds of Christ's flock to aid us in our efforts to "feed the lambs."

There is a great need for suitable books for Sabbath Schools in most of our churches, and in some instances they have not the means of procuring them. We urge upon the members of our churches to make liberal contributions to supply this want. Let religious books and newspapers carry the glad tidings of great joy to many who will rise up at the judgement to call you blessed.

In conclusion the Committee would call special attention to the following resolution passed at the last meeting of this Association:

Resolved, That the several churches within the bounds of this Association be requested to include in their annual letter a statement showing the number of scholars and teachers attending Sabbath School, the number of books in library, the name of the Superintendent and such other facts as may be of interest in relation to Sabbath Schools. If this is done we shall be able to present at each meeting of the Association a full and complete report of the Sabbath School work during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. PALMER, Chairman.
S. D. BEVES,
N. E. CANNADY.

The following report on Education was taken from the table, read, and after remarks by Elders Royall, Wingate, Walters, Lansdell and brother Palmer, was adopted, viz:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report, that finding it impossible to do justice to this subject in the brief space allotted to an ordinary report, they content themselves with recommending the following resolutions;

Resolved, That the churches of our body be requested to use their influence in favor of the educational enterprises which have hitherto engaged the attention of the denomination.

Resolved, That earnest prayer should be offered to God for the re-establishment and building up, upon a surer and more solid foundation, of our college at Wake Forest.

Resolved, That the churches should encourage the young men among them who show any talent or qualification for preaching, to enter upon this work, and

if necessary provide means for their support while engaged in the prosecution of their studies to this end. We would recommend the churches to send contributions to our next Association to be applied to this object.

Resolved, That the pastors of our churches should labor to discover and develop the gifts which are possessed by the brethren, in order to their full and profitable exercise of the same.

W. ROYALL,
WM. W. WYNNE,
J. I MOORE,

The Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board for the next year reported as follows which was adopted:

W. J. Palmer, B. W. Justice, P. A. Dunn, A. F. Purefoy, and A. D. Ellis.

Brother W. J. Palmer offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Franklinton and vicinity for the kind hospitalities extended to the delegates during this session.

On motion of brother Palmer, the printing of 300 copies of the minutes was ordered and the Clerk allowed $10 for his services.

After prayer by Elder Wingate, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Forestville on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1866.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.		Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields,	W. T Walters,	N. E. Cannady,	Brookville,	N. C.	15	1				2	125	35	160
Flat Rock,	Wm Royall,		Franklinton,	"	11	2				8	195	94	289
Franklinton,	W. M. Wingate,	A. D. Ellis,	Franklinton.	"	5	1		1	1		30	37	67
Forestville,	W. T Brooks,	Jno. R Dunn,	Forestville,	"	2	1			2	1	40	8	48
Mount Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	J. H. Bell,	Raleigh,	"				1	1	1	130	51	181
New Hope,	W. T. Walters,	R. J. Ivey,	Raleigh,	"					1	2	82	41	123
Perry's Chapel,	J S. Purefoy,	C. H. Perry,	Franklinton,	"	2	2		2	3	6	43	76	119
Raleigh,	T E. Skinner,	Len. H. Adams,	Raleigh,	"	10	4		6	3	2	253	252	505
Wake Forest,	W. M Wingate,	W. G. Simmons,	Forestville,	"				3		2	53	45	98
					45	12		13	11	24	954	639	1593

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it—each Church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex officio*.

ARTICLE IV. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the Church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer; which officers shall be chosen annually, by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office till their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ARTICLE VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the Churches or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ARTICLE IX. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board of five members which shall have the Superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ARTICLE X. Any Church desiring to become a member of this body, shall

present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ARTICLE XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ARTICLE XIII. The annual sessions of this body shall commence on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in October, at such place as the Association may select.

ARTICLE XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session, an Introductory Sermon, and a Missionary Sermon.

ARTICLE XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present,

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RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a re-consideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority of members present.

MINUTES

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT FORESTVILLE, N. C.,

OCTOBER 11—13, 1866.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FORESTVILLE, N. C., Oct. 11th, 1866.

The Association met to-day at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. W. T. Walters being indisposed, Rev. T. E. Skinner was called upon to preach the Introductory Sermon. Preached from 1st John v : 19.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, N. E. Cannady.

Prayer by Rev. T. B. Kingsbury.

J. L. Dunn was appointed Clerk *pro tem.*

The Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order.

On motion, J. H. Dunn was appointed Reading Clerk.

List of churches was called, the letters read and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Brassfields—J. J. Moore, D. S. Allen, W. D. Walters, J. Y. Moss and I. F. Cannady.

Flat Rock—Robert Hicks, L. Perry, J. J. Freeman, R. H. Timberlake and C. M. Cook.

Franklinton—W. H. Mitchell, T. H. Griffin, B. C. Williams, W. H. Williams and J. S. Joyner.

Forestville—W. B. Smith, J. L. Dunn, J. H. Dunn, Dr. L. Chappell and F. M. Purefoy.

Mt. Vernon—J. D. Allen, E. E. Gill, P. Dunn, J. H. Bell and L. C. Dunn.

Perry's Chapel—Wm. Womath, O. G. Dickens, A. P. Michiner, J. P. Griffin and W. P. Perry.

New Hope—R. I. Ivey, Robt. Trawick, B. B. Buffaloe, W. H. Buffaloe and W. A Baugh.

Raleigh—M. B. Royster, T. M. Hughes, D. W. Allen, D. Williams and W. J. Palmer.

Wake Forest—J M. Brewer, W. G. Simmons, J. B. Brewer, W. B. Royall and C. L. Sledge.

Ro esville—Sol. Walker, J. J. Baily and M. Minga.

Cross Roads—Sol. Pace, W. H. Pace, Robt. Freeman, A. A. Sandeford and J. J. Raines.

Rev. W. A. Atkinson, from the Flat River Association, Rev. R. B. Jones, from the Chowan, and Rev. T. B. Kingsbury, from the Tar River, appeared as visiting brethren and were invited to seats.

On motion of Elder Brooks a committee on Religious Exercises was appointed. Committee, W. T. Brooks, S. H. Dunn and W. B. Smith.

On motion, the Association will meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at half-past twelve; meet again at 2 P. M., and adjourn at half past four.

Moved that a Financial Committee be appointed. Committee, J. H. Bell, M. B. Royster and Robert Trawick.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

Brethren S. H. Dunn and J. H. Bell were appointed to superintend the election of officers, and reported as follows: Moderator, N. E. Cannady; Clerk, B. W. Justice; Treasurer, S. H. Dunn.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Periodicals—W. G. Simmons, J. H. Bell and S. H. Dunn.

On Religious Instruction of Colored People—W. T. Walters, M. B. Royster and W. H. Buffaloe.

On Religious Condition of the Churches—Wm. Royall, W. T. Brooks and R. Trawick.

On Missions—T. E. Skinner, W. B. Smith and Dr. L. Chappell.

On Time and Place of Next Session—W. T. Brooks, J. H. Bell and W. H. Mitchell.

Moved that a committee on Education be appointed. Committee, W. B. Royall, J. Brewer and W. H. Mitchell.

On motion of W. T. Walters the Association adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Atkinson.

FRIDAY, October 12th, 1866.

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

Proceedings of yesterday were read.

Letter from Wake Forest church read and delegates enrolled.

An invitation was extended to churches wishing to join the Association. Wake ⋈ Roads church presented a letter of dismission from the Raleigh Association and made application for admission.

On motion of Elder J. D Hufham the church was received, and the right hand of fellowship was then extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The letter from that church was then read and the delegates enrolled as follows: Sol. Pace, A. A. Sandeford, Wm. H. Pace, Robert Freeman and J. J. Raines.

Invitations to visiting brethren were accepted by brother Isaac Winston, Corresponding Messenger from the Raleigh Association, and Rev. J. B. Taylor, D. D., of Richmond, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board.

The Committee on Religious Instruction of our colored population made their report, which, after remarks by El-

ders W. T. Walters, Dr. Taylor, J. D. Hufham, T. B. Kingsbury, Wm. Royall and T. E. Skinner, was adopted.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Colored Population beg leave to submit:

That the sudden and violent disorganization of society has left our colored population in great religious destitution. Many and serious doubts have existed in the minds of both white and colored brethren in regard to the position which the colored church should hereafter occupy. Your Committee think it advisable, wherever the colored people have numbers and strength sufficient, that they be formed into separate churches; where they have not, that they retain their former relationship to the white churches, if they desire it And in either event, we believe it the duty of the white members to do all in their power to enlighten and christianize them.

W. T. WALTERS, Chairman.

Rev. J. S. Purefoy, of the Raleigh Association, and Rev. G. Lewis, of Tar River, and Bro. J. H. Mills, of Flat River, were welcomed to seats as Corresponding Messengers from those bodies.

Letter of dismission from the Raleigh Association to the church at Rolesville was read, and,

On motion, that church was admitted into the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to her delegates present.

The church letter was read and delegates enrolled as follows: J. J. Bailey, Sol. Walker and H. Minga.

On motion, the Report on Missions was made the special order of business for 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order.

The Report on Missions was read, and after interesting remarks had been submitted by brethren Taylor and Skinner, a subscription was raised for our Missionary, Elder M. T. Yates, to the amount of $154.85, and the report, on motion of Elder Walters, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Comm ttee on Missions notice the unity of the work in being required to offer for your consideration a report "on Missions."

This is the true idea, for although custom has divided the work of evangelizing the world into Domestic and Foreign Missions, the work is but one. The spirit of christianity is as comprehensive as the necessities of the "whole world that lieth in wickedness."

The first enlargement of the church, beginning at Jerusalem and Antioch, was in its expanding the influence and power of the Gospel beyond the fields in which it was first planted, into parts hitherto not penetrated by the power of God. This great work the Apostle Paul inaugurated by the wonderful exertions of a most active life, which was not spent until the Gospel was preached throughout the Roman Empire, then embracing the whole civilized world. Had no impediments prevented, the triumph of Christianity would in an incredibly brief period have been complete and glorious.

But the conflict between it and false religion and sin reigning in depraved humanity, raged until the Star of Bethlehem had almost gone down into the dark night of superstition, ignorance and false religion, which was but partially exposed in the 15th century by the men of the Reformation. Three centuries after Luther's day passed before the spirit of the disciples of Antioch and Jerusalem rekindled itself in the inspired consecration of the great Baptist, Wm. Carey, who, like the devoted Apostle Paul, heard the Macedonian cry for help, and in the midst of ridicule and scorn of the disciples everywhere, struggled to reach the poor and perishing nations of the earth, until he crossed the seas and planted triumphantly the cross on the shores of Burmah.

The effect of this miracle—almost so regarded by the disciples in England—was to increase their energy and devotion in the work of the Lord.

The same results followed the work of Judson and his co-laborers, in its reflex influence upon the consecration of the Baptists of this hemisphere. And such must be the result of the spirit of the churches of Antioch and Jerusalem, whenever and wherever possessed by the disciples of Christ. Such, brethren, has been the popular sentiment of our churches, the idea recognized by all Baptists, that we must in that nam and by the authority of our Lord, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Is the work superhuman in its nature? So the Master anticipates our fears, and supplies our weakness with the precious, all-sufficient, everlasting promise, which we must not, cannot forget. "Lo!" Behold! Look here! "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We say that this spirit has hitherto animated the Baptists of the past century. Bring what arguments you may against our principles and practices, as long as we stand as we started, foremost in Missions, we can lead the world to Christ, and with Him extinguish the spirit of exclusiveness, of anti-christian opposition to the spread—the universal spread—of the Gospel. It is a fact noticed by man and inculcated by the Scriptures, that in proportion, and precisely so, to the spirit and effort of a church, or individual christians, to spread the name and glorious work of the salvation of Christ, is the strength, and joy, and peaceful life of the soul resting on Jesus.

We all believe this. We have acted upon this belief heretofore. Shall we not continue to act upon it? We fear that in many minds, there is a want of confidence in the success of Missions. Perhaps this is one of the unhappy condi-

tions of faith, resulting from the general diminution of grace, engendered by the long protracted and cruelly prosecuted war out of which we have lately emerged. If it is, the sooner it is buried forever out of sight the better. The disciple who does not believe in the final success of the spread of the Gospel, disbelieves the positive word and promise of Christ. And if he believes and prays for the final and triumphant spread of the Gospel, he is inconsistent in believing in and praying for the partial spread of the Gospel. In other words, to disbelieve in the spread of the Gospel everywhere, is to be an infidel, is to become lovers of ourselves and of worldly pleasure, more than of God. The moral grandeur of the missionary enterprise, which has fired so many souls with zeal, which drove Christ out of heaven into the world, clothed him with poverty and shame, and hung him on the cross for sinners, a self-immolated sacrifice on the altar of love, will lose all of its power and charm over our spirits and the spirits of our children. That will be a dark period of the world's history, the death knell of millions of immortal souls, the foulest blot we could possibly cast upon the name and honor of our glorious Lord.

Recognizing our responsibilities, brethren, let us put on bowels of compassion. Let us consecrate ourselves to the work of the Master, who, like the Macedonian churches, first gave themselves to the Lord and afterwards abounded in everything, (as the Apostle Paul enumerates,) in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in love to one another, and in great liberality.

Resolved, That this Association earnestly request all of its churches to urge their members to contribute something annually or quarterly to the Foreign Mission cause, and especially to be used for Bro. Yates and family.

Rev. T. E. Skinner moved that all funds sent up to the Association be paid over to the Committee on Finance and by it to the Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed a committee to nominate Executive Board: Elders Brooks, and Wm. Royall and Bro. E. E. Gill.

Committee to select times and places for holding Ministers' and Deacons' meetings: Elders Brooks, Royall and Walters.

The Committee on Religious Condition of the Churches made their report.

Remarks were made by Elders Taylor, Skinner and R. B. Jones.

On motion of Bro. W. G. Simmons, the report was adopted.

The Committee on the Religious Condition of the Churches report:

That there are many features in the condition of our churches which are worthy of note. To a few of these only would we call your attention.

The peculiarly trying times through which we have passed during the war, and since its termination, have furnished a test of Christian character never before applied to the present generation of American Christians. Many we believe have not been able to stand the test, and in the judgment of the brethren, although perhaps not excluded from the churches, have forfeited their title to be regarded as Christians. Many, on the other hand, have proved the more fully, as temptation pressed upon them the more sorely, that they were "on the Lord's side." Quite an improved tone of feeling, and a more submissive, meek and heavenly temper of mind characterize not a few of the followers of the Lamb. As their trials and losses multiplied they seemed to cling the more firmly to the hopes and promises of the precious Gospel of the Son of God—to lean more securely upon the arm of him "who never leaves nor forsakes" his own.

Others have, however, evinced unmistakably their want of faith, or the possession of a very moderate amount of grace in the unwillingness to accept, as of the Lord, the chastisements of his hand, and in their haste to make up for the losses which they have sustained, by wild speculation and by greater devotion to worldly pursuits, a devotion almost excluding the claims of religion from their minds and leading them to undervalue the ordinances of God's house, and neglect the duties of the Christian profession.

Others again have shown the want of religious principle by running into the extreme of levity, and by conforming to the world in lending their countenance to practices (such as dancing and indecent merry-making) which have always been reprobated by Baptists. At a time when, of all times ever witnessed by those now living, our heads should be bowed down in humility before God, on account of those sins which have provoked against us his anger, many have seemed disposed to indulge in a light and giddy course of conduct which at any time is unbecoming to those who profess to be the Lord's.

Perhaps these and like evils ought more generally, in the most formal and explicit manner, to be held up as such by our churches and religious bodies.

It is to be feared also that many have availed themselves of the losses which they have had to sustain to cover their love of the world, and to furnish them with a convenient pretext for doing little or nothing to aid in the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad, and particularly to support those who are engaged in breaking to them the bread of life.

God is good to us however, and despite the evils here mentioned as existing, has blessed some of our churches with gracious outpourings of his spirit. In some places we hear of revivals which have been attended with great and good results, many being added to the churches and Christians being strengthened. But this is not the case in all the churches. Religious zeal and concern for God's glory are not everywhere manifested. And we need a deeper and more wide-spread work to "strengthen the things that remain," and to increase the number of "such as call upon his name."

Brethren, let us pray and labor, to the end that God may "revive us again" and make our hearts glad with his "presence."

WM. ROYALL,
W. T. BROOKS,
R. TRAWICK. } Committee.

On motion of Elder W. T. Walters the body adjourned. Prayer by Elder Taylor.

SATURDAY, October 13th, 1866.

The Association was called to order.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Royall.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Education submitted their report.

After remarks by Elders Walters, Jones, Royall, Hufham, Brooks and Skinner, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Baptist mind is making up its verdict in regard to certain questions which furnished, for a long time, occasion for strife and contention. Among these the subject of education is prominent. For a while, in a large section of the great Baptist family, an educated ministry and an enlightened church-membership were lightly esteemed, and in many cases were opposed. But the causes which led to this unnatural condition of things being partially removed, and the fact appearing that strength and confirmation are added to our denominational views, whenever defended by learned men—men able rightly and in a critical manner to interpret the Scriptures—the foolish prejudices entertained upon this subject have been, to a great extent, laid aside. And now there is a growing appreciation not only of ministerial education, but also of the education of all classes and of both sexes. Male and female schools and colleges have been established by Baptists in various portions of our land.

The late war, however, has greatly impaired the usefulness of these Institutions by diminishing their patronage, and in some instances, sweeping away large portions of their endowment funds.

This is an evil which time, with its power to build up, may be expected partially to correct, but which should not be left wholly to the operation of this remedy. And it becomes every lover of Jesus to labor for the speedy rebuilding of this all-important interest. We ought not to lie down and passively to await the issue of things in the remote future—when agriculture and trade shall have again brought wealth and prosperity to our land—but on the other hand, we ought to work the more diligently, and contribute the more liberally, as it is the more depressed and the more in need of help. We are not called upon to decide the relative importance of this department of Christian enterprise. It ought to be enough for us to know that it lies at the foundation of enlightened action in all the other departments; that it is not *above*

all others, but *beneath* them; that they all rest upon *it*. We feel that we cannot commend to the prayers and contributions of the churches, as well as to their patronage, in language sufficiently strong this branch of Christian effort. And particularly would we impress upon the churches of this Association their duty in reference to the College of the denomination placed by Providence in their very midst, and looking to them, more than to any others, for countenance and active support in this its hour of need. Let brethren calculate the results it has already achieved, and think what an instrument for future good, under the blessing of God, it is in their power to make it. Let them but estimate its capacity for spreading the truth, for elevating and giving the denomination what it deserves—commanding influence—and thus measure the extent of their duty in this regard.

Resolved, That we recommend to all of the churches of this body the quarterly subscribing to the four general objects of our work—Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education and the Sunday School Work.

W. B. ROYALL,
W. H. MITCHELL,
J. B. BREWER,
} Committee.

The committee on time and place for holding the next session of the Association recommended Mount Vernon.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. T. B. Kingsbury preached from Luke xvii: 5, after which the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Report on Periodicals was read as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Knowledge is so generally diffused in this country, that the press exerts an influence among us which it is difficult fully to realize. Our opinions, u all great questions which appertain to the age in which we live, are, to a great extent, formed, modified and controlled by the periodical literature which happens to be thrown in our pathway. A free press must be regarded with us as one of the most potent agents ever employed for creating and giving direction to public sentiment. Nor can it be denied that its influence is often exerted for evil; and many persons, eminent for learning and piety, have even questioned whether freedom of the press is, for long periods, compatible with the public security and the public morals. And when we call to mind how many of the journals of the present day have been prostituted to the worst of purposes, and how powerfully instrumental they have been in bringing untold miseries upon our once happy country, we are not surprised that some thinking men begin to doubt, after all, whether the freedom of the press ought not to be regarded as a curse rather than a blessing. But we would greatly err if we should dis-

card and condemn whatever has been made an agent of mischief in the hands of bad and unprincipled men. The adoption of such a rule would result in the wholesale condemnation of every institution, both human and divine. For such is the depth of human depravity, that it contaminates every thing it touches; and even the Church of God, and the Heaven ordained pulpit, and the Gospel of peace, have all been converted by wicked men into engines for accomplishing the most nefarious and diabolical ends.

It should therefore be our aim not to abridge the freedom of the press, but to guard against its abuses—not to throttle, but to sanctify it. We should, while diffusing every species of secular knowledge, make special efforts to spread abroad that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation. The sanctified press—emblem of the sun—radiates light and life, and dispels moral darkness. The religious journal, often reaching those who, from want of inclination, seldom hear a gospel sermon, often quickening the conscience, or it may be strengthening the faith of one who lies low upon his bed of affliction, is, perhaps, in efficiency in doing the Master's work, second only to the Word of God preached by the living ministry.

The times in which we live seem in an especial manner to demand that we exert ourselves in the circulation of judicious religious periodicals. Great efforts are now made to create divisions and introduce heresies among us. By the extreme poverty to which we have been reduced, many of our pulpits have been vacated, and our people left as sheep without a shepherd. The want of postal facilities has materially diminished the circulation of our religious papers, and to that extent circumscribed the influence which they ought to exert.

While your committee deem *Kind Words*—a periodical published by the Sunday School Board in Greenville, S. C.—as essential to the Sabbath School interest in this State, and the *Religious Herald* of Richmond, Va., as a convenient source of information upon denominational matters without the limits of our State, they would especially urge the claims of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, entitled as it is to the confidence and undivided support of the Baptists of North Carolina as their denominational organ.

W. G. SIMMONS, *Chairman.*

After remarks by Elders Skinner, Hufham, Jones and Lewis, a committee was appointed to wait on the congregation for subscriptions to the *Recorder*, and the report was adopted.

The committee to nominate the Executive Board recommended the re-appointment of the Board of last year.

The Committee on Finance* reported as follows :

The Moderator appointed brethren Palmer, Bell and L. Chapel to nominate preachers for the next Association.

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*This report did not come into the hands of the printer.

They reported as follows:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—J. K. Howell. Alternate—J. A. Stradley.

Missionary Sermon—W. T. Walters. Alternate—Wm. Royall.

On motion of Rev. W. T. Walters, the contributions raised to-morrow are to be divided between Education and State Missions.

Rev. W. T. Brooks moved that the Committee on Sunday Schools be continued.

Committee—W. J. Palmer, B. W. Justice, P. A. Dunn, W. B. Royall and A. D. Ellis.

The appointment of corresponding messengers to sister Associations was made as follows:

Raleigh Association—J. D. Hufham and W. T. Walters.

Tar River—J. D. Hufham, W. T. Walters and W. T. Brooks.

Flat River—W. M. Wingate, W. T. Walters and W. T. Brooks.

Beulah—T. E. Skinner, J. D. Hufham and W. J. Palmer.

Eastern—J. D. Hufham and W. T. Walters.

Chowan—J. D. Hufham and W. T. Walters.

On motion, all ordained ministers in this Association are appointed delegates to represent us in our next Convention. Also brethren W. J. Palmer, W. B. Royall and J. L. Dunn.

Elder W. T. Brooks moved that the Clerk ascertain the amount paid Elder James B. Taylor for Foreign Missions, and enter the same on the minutes of the Association.

Elder T. E. Skinner offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Forestville and vicinity, for the kind hospitalities extended to the delegates during this session.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools then reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At the last meeting of the Association a resolution was adopted, requesting the clerks of the several churches in the Association to include in their church letters a statement of the condition of the Sunday Schools connected with their churches. The failure to do this, with a few exceptions, and the inability of the committee to visit the churches during the Associational year, renders it impossible to present a correct report of the condition of Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Association.

From the church letters and from information received from the delegates in attendance, we have been enabled to present the following report:

Brassfields—No Sunday School now in operation.

Cross Roads—No Sunday School now in operation.

Flat Rock—There are three Sunday Schools connected with this church, with an aggregate attendance of 90 scholars. One is held at the church, of which brother C. M. Cook is the Superintendent; and the others in the neighborhood, of which brethren L. Perry and J. Timberlake are the Superintendents.

Forestville—The Sunday School numbers 65 scholars, with about 20 teachers. Bro. F. M. Purefoy is the Superintendent.

Franklinton—Bro. A. D. Ellis is Superintendent of the Sunday School, which numbers about 20 pupils.

Mt. Vernon—The Sunday School numbers 87 scholors and 12 teachers. Bro. David Justice is the Superintendent.

New Hope—Bro. B. B. Buffalo is the Superintendent. About 35 scholars and eight teachers are connected with the school.

Perry's Chapel—A school was organized, but is not now in operation.

Raleigh—The Sunday School numbers about 270 scholars and 43 teachers. Bro. W. J. Palmer is the Superintendent.

Rolesville—There is a Sunday School of which brother John L. Terrell is the Superintendent.

Wake Forest College—Bro. W. B. Royall is Superintendent of the Sunday School, which numbers 80 scholars and 13 teachers.

From this statement it will be seen that there is a Sunday School connected with every church in the Association with three exceptions, while from information received we think there is a greater interest manifested in this important work now than has ever been before. Yet we fear that some of our churches are not fully aroused to a sense of their duty in this particular. We do not deem it necessary here to present arguments to show the importance of the work to be accomplished in Sunday Schools, which is as has been well expressed by an eminent minister of England, "in humble dependence on divine grace to impart that religious knowledge, to produce those religious impressions and to form those religious habits in the minds of the children which shall be crowned with the salvation of their immortal souls." We think, however, that if ever there was a time when Sabbath Schools were necessary it is now. The common Schools throughout the State are not in operation, and on this account Sunday Schools, in addition to the moral influence they exercise, present to many children the only means for obtaining the rudiments of an education.

In conclusion, we would urge all the churches to engage in this work, and we express the hope that at our next meeting we may be permitted to record

the gratifying fact that there is a flourishing Sabbath School connected with every church in the Central Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. PALMER,
P. A. DUNN. } *Com.*

The report of the committee on the time and place of holding Ministers and Deacons' Meetings for the ensuing year is as follows:

5th Sabbath in December, 1866—Rolesville.
" " March, 1867—New Hope.
" " June, " —Wake Cross Roads.
" " September, " —Franklinton.

On motion, the printing of 500 copies of the minutes was ordered, and the clerk allowed ten dollars for his services.

There being no other business before the body, on motion of Elder W. T. Brooks, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Mt. Vernon, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1867.

Prayer by Elder R. B. Jones.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismis'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields',	W. T. Brooks,	N. E. Cannady,	Brookville,	18	3		4	2		139	35	174
Flat Rock,	Wm. Royall,	R. H. Timberlake,	Franklinton,	10	5		3	1	2	199	100	299
Franklinton,	W. M. Wingate,	A. D. Ellis,	"							30	1	31
Forestville,	W. T. Brooks,	J. R. Dunn,	Forestville,		2			3	1	44	7	51
Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	J. H. Bell,	Raleigh,					4	2			
New Hope,	W. T. Walters,	R. S. Ivey,	"				3	2	6	69	39	108
Perry's Chapel,	J. S. Purefoy,	C. H. Perry,	Franklinton,	1			45	1	10	35	29	64
Raleigh,	T. E. Skinner,	J. T. Womble,	Raleigh,	52	12		28	2	2	297		
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate,	W. G. Simmons,	Forestville,	17	2		3		1	53	57	110
Wake Cross Roads,	J. K. Howell,	J. T. Weathers,	Rolesville,				4	5	5	174	69	243
Rolesville.	J. A. Stradley.	Jos. Fowler.	"									241

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" J. K. Howell,
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" Wm. Royall,
" W. T. Walters,
" W. M. Wingate, D. D.,
" J. D. Hufham.

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Bro. David Justice,
" W. B. Royall.
Bro. T. M. Hughes,
" G. W. Sanderlin.

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. VERNON CHURCH, WAKE CO., N. C. }
Thursday, Oct. 10, 1867. }

The Central Association assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M.

In absence of Elder J. K. Howell, appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. T. Brooks moved that the Association organize and proceed to business. Whereupon brother N. E. Cannady, the Moderator, called the body to order and requested Elder W. A. Atkinson to open the exercises with prayer.

The list of churches was then called, letters read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows :

Brassfields.—T. A. Allen.

Flat Rock.—Leonidas Perry, John R. Conyers.

Franklinton.—Not represented.

Forestville.—W. B. Dunn, Sr., J. H. Dunn, J. L. Dunn, W. B. Smith,

Mt. Vernon.—Moses H. Allen, David Gill, Jr., David Justice, J. H. Bell, Jas. S. Ray.

New Hope.—Wm. H. Buffaloe, W. A. Baugh, B. B. Buffaloe.

Perry's Chapel.—Not represented.

Raleigh.—Not represented.

Wake Forest.—W. B. Royall, G. W. Sanderlin, F. P. Hobgood, H. A. Foote.

Rolesville.—Jas. C. Lee, J. J. Bailey, Solomon Walker, N. R. Watkins.

Wake Cross Roads.—J. W. Peebles, Wesley Stell, A. A. Sanderford, C. W. Scarborough.

An invitation was extended to any churches desiring membership in this body to present applications. Wake Union, through delegates, presented letter of dismission from Raleigh Association, and asked membership in this. Also New Bethel presented letter of dismission from Flat River Association, and petitioned for membership with us.

On motion, of Elder Brooks, both these churches were admitted as members of this body, and the Moderator extended to their delegates present the right hand of fellowship.

The letters of these churches were then read and their delegates names enrolled as follows:

Wake Union.—Geo. B. Allen, Isaac Winston, Nathan Bolton, G. M. Allen, J. A. Winston.

New Bethel—S. J. Allen, I. J. Brogden, W. S. Thompson.

On motion of brother J. H. Dunn, the Association went into election of officers for the year. The ballot resulted in the choice of brother N. E. Cannady, Moderator, B. W. Justice, Clerk, and S. H. Dunn, Treasurer.

An invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to announce themselves and take seats with us, was accepted by Elder W. A. Atkinson of the Flat River Association.

Moderator announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises.—The Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Vernon church.

On Finance.—Brethren J. H. Bell, J. H. Dunn, W. S. Thompson.

In accordance with motion of Elder Brooks, the Associatiation agreed to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., take recess at half past 12 and adjourn at 4 P. M. of each day.

Recess of one hour.

1½ O'clock, P. M.

Elder J. K. Howell having arrived, the Association listened to the Introductory Sermon at this hour, from Psalms 12 : 1. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." After which the Association was called to order.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed; acepted by Elder Whitson of the Green River Association, S. C.

Moderator announced additional committees as follows:

On Periodicals.—Elder J. K. Howell, brethren B. B. Buffaloe and Solomon Walker.

To select Preachers for next Session.—Brethren Isaac Winston, J. H. Bell and W. S. Thompson.

To select Place of next Session.—Brethren Geo. B. Allen, Moses H. Allen and J. H. Dunn.

Elder Brooks moved the appointment of a committee on the Religious Condition of our Churches. Motion prevailed and brethren G. W. Sanderlin, David Justice and S. A. Allen were placed on said committee.

Committee on Education—Brethren B. W. Justice, David Gill, Jr. and J. W. Peebles.

A motion was passed calling for the reading of the Constitution and Rules of the Association, which was done by the Clerk.

A motion of brother W. S. Thompson, was also passed, directing the Clerk to have the names of all ministers and licentiates in the Association, printed with the next minutes.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Sunday School Board for the ensuing year:

W. J. Palmer, B. W. Justice, J. H. Dunn, W. B. Royall and D A. Ellis.

A motion to adjourn till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, was then passed. Prayer by Elder Whitson, and benediction by Elder Brooks.

FRIDAY, Oct. 11th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

At this hour the Association assembled to listen to a sermon from brother G. W. Sanderlin, from Malachi, 3rd chap., 1st clause of the 8th verse: "Will a man rob God?" After which the Moderator called to order.

Proceedings of yesterday were read and adopted. Roll of delegates was called and corrected.

Letters of Perry's Chapel and Raleigh churches were presented and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Perry's Chapel.—J. P. Griffin.

Raleigh.—M. B. Royster.

Committee to nominate preachers for next session reported as follows:

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder W. A. Atkinson; Alternate, Elder Jas. S. Purefoy. To preach Missionary Sermon, Elder W. T. Brooks; Alternate, Elder W. T. Walters.

Report was adopted.

Committee to select place of next session, reported in favor of Wake Union church. Adopted.

On motion, a committee was raised to nominate an Executive Board and to report this afternoon, and brethren S. H. Dunn, G. B. Allen and L. Perry were placed thereon.

Reports of Corresponding Messengers, appointed at last session, were called for. Elder Skinner reported attendance on the last session of Raleigh Association and gave a sketch of some proceedings of that body.

Dr. Wingate reported attendance on the Chowan Association; was kindly received by that body.

Elder Brooks moved the appointment of a committee to prepare a Memorial of the late Elder Samuel Wait, D. D. The motion prevailed, and Elders Brooks, Wingate and Royall were placed on the committee.

Dr. Wingate moved that the report of this committee, when received, be made the special order for 11 o'clock, tomorrow. Carried.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a committee on Missions, consisting of Dr. Wingate, and brethren W. B. Royall and David Justice.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Raleigh Association—Brethren J. H. Mills, M. B. Royster and Isaac Winston.

Tar River—Elders Wm. Royall, W. T. Walters and W. T. Brooks.

Flat River—Dr. Wingate, brethren Isaac Winston and J. H. Mills.

Beulah—Elders W. T. Walters, brethren N. E. Cannady and W. B. Royall.

Eastern—Elder W. T. Walters, brethren T. M. Hughes and J. H. Mills.

Chowan—Elders Wingate, Walters and Royall.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to arrange times and places for the Union Meetings in the ensuing year, consisting of brethren W. S. Thompson, J. H. Bell and M. B. Royster.

Recess of one hour.

1½ O'clock, P. M.

After singing a hymn, the Moderator called to order.

Committee to nominate Executive Board, reported through brother L. Perry, nominating the old Board.

Elder Brooks suggested that in the altered condition of our affairs and the occupation of the entire field by the State Mission Board of the Convention, the necessity for an Executive Board had ceased to exist. Whereupon, Dr. Wingate moved to strike from the Constitution the 9th Article, which provides for the appointment of such Board, and prescribes its duties

and powers. The motion being seconded, an animated discussion ensued, in which Elders Skinner, Royall, Wingate and Brooks took part. The question was taken and the motion decided in the negative.

A motion was then made to adopt the nominations of the committee.

Elder Royall moved to recommit the matter to the committee, with instructions to nominate a board composed of brethren living conveniently near each other, which was carried in the affirmative.

Dr. Wingate read the report of the committee on Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Missions, beg leave to submit the following brief report:

1st. In Associational Missions nothing has yet been done, though the field is inviting and laborers have entered without any direction from this body, and have at least demonstrated from their success the importance of entering energetically and at once upon this work.

State Missions under the direction of our vigorous Corresponding Secretary have been prosecuted with success, and though having many difficulties with which to contend, a deep and profound interest has been excited and much good accomplished

In the department of Foreign Missions we have to deplore not so much a want of interest as a want of corresponding effort. We have done comparatively little in this department for the past year. On the other hand the need is great, the wants of the Board are pressing. Cannot something be done, and done at once, in this great field of labor? Men of Israel, help.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE, Ch'mn.

Dr. Wingate accompanied the report with remarks at some length. On a motion to adopt, Dr. T. E. Skinner offered entertaining and instructive remarks. Elder Whitson also spoke on the subject of Missions, and the report was adopted.

Committee to nominate Executive Board reported as follows: Brethren W. S. Thompson, P. A. Dunn, J. W. Fort, W. B. Royall and J. H. Dunn, which was adopted.

Elder Brooks offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each of the churches composing this Association be required to pay the sum of $5 00 to defray the expenses of printing Minutes and compensating the Clerk.

It was unanimously adopted without debate.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, after singing, and prayer by Elder Royall, the Moderator announced the body adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, Oct. 12th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

After prayer by Dr. Wingate, the Association was called to order. Roll was called and proceedings of previous day read and adopted.

Letter from Franklinton church was presented and read, and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Franklinton.—Capt. Wilson H. Williams.

Committee to arrange times and places of Union Meetings for the year, reported as follows:

Fifth	Sabbath	in	December,	1867,	at	Franklinton,
"	"	"	March,	1868,	"	Brassfields,
"	"	"	May,	"	"	Forestville,
"	"	"	August,	"	"	New Bethel.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Elder Brooks, the report of the committee on Education was made the special order for 2 o'clock, P. M., to-day.

Committee on the Religious Condition of the Churches was read as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

During the Associational year just closing, there is much in the history of our churches, for which we, as christians, are to render sincere thanks

to Almighty God. We find, in the first place, that the Holy Spirit has been poured out in rich abundance upon some of our churches; many precious souls have found peace in Jesus and have cast their lot among His people, and Christians have had frequent occasion to exclaim, as one of old, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Out of thirteen churches composing this Association, all with the exception of three or four, have thus enjoyed seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Truly, hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

But after all, brethren, the state of religion in our midst is not such as it ought to be. There is reason to fear that the same evils which were reported by your Committee last year as existing in our churches, still exist therein. We notice the same falling away in many who, we had hoped, had exercised faith in our Saviour. Others, again, who were once regarded as earnest, efficient laborers in the Master's vineyard, have gone to work for themselves, and by their actions, seem to think that the main object for which God permits them to live in the world is to advance their own interests rather than the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. There is also the same widespread indispostion on the part of our brethren to aid in the furtherance of the Gospel at home and abroad, and particularly to support those who, from week to week and month to month, minister to them in holy things. Brethren, this ought not so to be. If ever there was a time when Christians should "put on the whole armor of God" and fight valiantly the good fight of faith, that time has come upon us *now*. There is no retreat for us but in submission and slavery to Satan. It was a true remark of the late Dr. Wayland that "the Christian Church has no defensive weapons It is, in its very nature, necessarily aggressive. We are to make inroads upon Satan's kingdom. We are to advance upon him and fight him wherever he is found. To stand still involves a virtual defeat and the loss of much valuable ground gained by previous severe conflicts "

To apply this principle to our own churches let us see what is necessary to constitute them into a compact, individual power for the overthrow of the adversary of souls. In the first place, as individuals we must aim at a higher type of Christianity. We must endeavor earnestly to cultivate the spirit which characterized the Apostles and early churches. This will lead to the practice of greater self denial on our part, if such it can be called. We shall be willing more than ever to devote our time and talents to the service of the Master. We shall be constrained gladly to give of our means for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad, which is one of the chief instrumentalities to be used in the conversion of the world. We shall yield a full and hearty sup-

port to the Pastors of our churches, whose duty it is to plan our campaigns against Satan, and thus by uniting their hands, give them full opportunity to use the sword of the Spirit. But there are additional means for additional means for attaining the object desired. Our brethren should pay greater attention to their prayer-meetings. The glorious revivals which we have lately been having, furnish ample and excellent material to work upon. Your Committee have before them at present the instance of a prayer-meeting established in connection with the church with which the Association is now asembled, and there is no telling the amount of good it has already done and is still likely to do. Let the brethren, by all means, not neglect the prayer-meetings, as a means of grace.

The subject of Sunday Schools is also one of the greatest importance. We regret to learn that several of our churches are destitute of such Schools, and that no effort seems to have been made to organize and sustain them. Sunday Schools have been very appropriately termed nurseries of the Church, and their influence for good is by no means to be depreciated.

In conclusion we beg leave to say that when, as individuals, we have attained to a higher type of Christianity, leading us, in the spirit of the Apostolic times, to make greater sacrifices for Christ; when we count it as our chief joy to devise and prosecute plans for the promotion of His kingdom; when we give more of our means for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad, and yield a more hearty support to our ministry when we have prayer-meetings and Sunday Schools in all our churches and use all the means of grace which God in His providence has set before us: then may we hope to see Satan's kingdom tremble and fall to ruins and the kingdom of Christ firmly established thereon

G. W SANDERLIN,
DAVID JUSTICE, } Com.
THOS. A. ALLEN,

On motion, the report was adopted, after remarks by Elder Walters.

The hour of eleven having arrived, the special order, being the report of committee to prepare a Memorial of Dr. Wait, who has departed this life since our last session, was taken up. The report was read by Elder W. T. Brooks, and resolutions by Dr. Wingate. Elder Walters moved the adoption of the Memorial and Resolutions, which was seconded. Elder Brooks gave a sketch of the life and labors of Dr. Wait,

together with the incidents which, under God, led him to select this State as the field of his toils, self-denial, and usefulness. Drs. Wingate and Skinner, and Elders Walters and Whitson, and brother D. Justice paid eloquent and feeling tributes to the worth and exalted piety of Dr. Wait, and the motion to adopt prevailed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing a brief memorial of our much beloved and revered brother, Dr. Samuel Wait, who departed this life, at his residence at Wake Forest College, on the 28th of July, 1867, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and fifty-second of his ministry, ask leave to present the following:

It has never been our painful duty to chronicle the death of one who was so universally esteemed and beloved, by all who knew him. The name Samuel of Wait has become a household word among the great family of Baptists in this and other States. For many long years he was a leading spirit in all our benevolent enterprises.

Some of the most prominent traits in his character, were *fidelity*, *industry* and *perseverance*. As a servant of Christ, he was faithful in the dispensation of the everlasting gospel. His preaching was plain, and very often—when in the prime of life—powerful and pungent. Many instances might be given of those who were converted under his heart-searching appeals. Hundreds of weak saints have been comforted and cheered under his ministry, when in his mild, loving, winning way, he would direct them to the precious promises of God's word.

No man ever contended more faithfully for the faith once delivered to the saints. As a pastor, Dr. Wait had few superiors It was in this character he excelled as a minister of the gospel In the family circle, he had a wonderful art in imparting religious instruction, and in gaining the affections of his brethren. He "preached from house to house." Like his Saviour he "*went about doing good.*" From his conciliatory spirit, he was abundantly successful in adjusting difficulties in churches and among his brethren, and enjoyed in his loving heart, the reward of the peace-maker. "Blessed are the peace-makers for they shall be called the children of God."

As a public servant of the Baptist denomination, his fidelity and punctilious discharge of the important duties committed to his charge, were proverbial. The commendation of the Saviour's well done good and faithful servant, is peculiarly applicable to the character of our departed brother.

His example as an industrious and laborious servant of God is worthy of all praise. Impressed with the value and importance of time, he was no idler in the Master's vineyard. Obeying the injunction of the Apostle, he was diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. "Whatsoever his hands found to do, he did it with all his might," conscious that the time for labor on earth was short.

His perseverance, in whatever he undertook, whether of a temporal or spiritual character, was truly *remarkable.* The word failure was not in his vocabulary. Is it right? Is it my duty to undertake it? These were the questions which he *prayerfully* considered before he commenced any enterprise, and having settled these he entered upon the work with such energy and faith as seldom fail of success.

When worn out by the infirmities of age and excessive labors, even then, in the wanderings of his mind to the very *last*, he was devising ways and means by which he could promote the interests of Wake Forest College, or some other favorite object which occurred to his mind. His ruling passion was strong in death. The College was the idol of his heart, and to its interests he devoted the best and the most vigorous years of his life.

When, amidst its vicissitudes, others were ready to despair of its success, his hope and faith were still strong that God would bless and prosper the efforts of his servants in building up an institution founded in prayer and for the promotion of his own glory. He lived to see the fruits of his labor, and when he beheld those whose education his hands had directed, devoting themselves to the ministry of the Word, he was ready to say, with good old Simeon, when he saw the consolation of Israel—now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

We should not fail to notice his deep-toned piety and godly simplicity. He was an "Israelite, indeed, in whom there was no guile." Hence his preaching "commended itself to every man's conscience in the sight of God," for he practiced what he preached

He was emphatically a man of prayer, and the tones of his voice are still familiar to many of our ears. We are informed, that a few days previous to his death, he prayed most fervently and devotedly for all the members of Wake Forest church, that peace and harmony and brotherly love might exist among them, thus indicating—*in his last petition*—his affection for his brethren, and the desire that God's blessing might rest upon those whom he fondly loved.

But, brethren, he has finished his course. The voice came, "Child, your Father calls, come home." God has taken him from his toils and labors on earth to his rest. Like a shock of corn—fully ripe—he has been gathered to the garner of the skies. We shall no more see

his form, nor hear his voice in our religious convocations. But we may cherish his memory and follow his illustrious example of piety and devotion to the service of God. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

In conclusion, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recognize in the public career of our brother, an eminent servant of the Lord Jesus. That though born and reared in a distant State, he has been made in the providence of God, a pioneer and leader among us, aiding us as no other man has, in laying the foundation of our educational interests, in organizing our benevolent enterprises and in building up the structure of our denominational and State efforts, the rich fruits of which we are now permitted to realize and enjoy.

Resolved, That in private life, brother Wait was emphatically a good man: simple, sincere, just; amiable, gentle, meek; of natural dignity and deep-toned piety; and all this rendered more impressive, at last, as mellowed and refined he stood among us, almost alone from a former generation, with his white hairs and bending form, ripened and ready for heaven.

Resolved, That as children of a father in the gospel, we will cherish the memory of Dr. Samuel Wait. His life, long and laborious, was spent for our interests, his warm affections were with us in all our struggles, his name is identified with all our enterprises. Ours during life, he has at last full of years and full of honors, laid his bones among us as amid the family of his choice, leaving to us the precious legacy of his unfailing love and his spotless example: we will enshrine it in our hearts.

Resolved, That the history of such a man is in large measure, the history of our denomination in this State, embracing a period of unusual interest and, that, therefore, we would most heartily recommend the selection of some one, in full sympathy with our departed brother, in the plans and enterprises which engaged his heart to put in some enduring form, the history of his life, fraught as it is with so much interest to us, and replete with instruction to all.

W. T. BROOKS,
W. M. WINGATE,
WM. ROYALL,
} Committee.

After which the Association took recess for one hour.

1½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

After a hymn sung, the body was called to order.

The report of committee on Periodicals was read by Elder J. K. Howell, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals report that the RECORDER, your organ, is in a flourishing condition, and there is nothing lacking to make it of incalculable benefit to the denomination, but a want of patronage. Without this, all the combined talent so well used for the interests of the denomination, will be of no avail. Therefore

Resolved, That it is the duty of every church member to use his best efforts for its circulation.

We also especially commend to our Sunday Schools "KIND WORDS," and the "CHILD'S DELIGHT."

J. K. HOWLLL,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
SOL. WALKER. } COM.

A motion to adopt, being made and seconded, remarks were made by Elder J. K. Howell, brother T. M. Hughes, Elder Brooks, Dr. Skinner and Elder Walters, in reference to the importance of sustaining the RECORDER, and its value to the Baptists of N. C.; a number of subscribers was obtained and the motion was carried.

Committee on Education reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

That the changed condition of our affairs, as a people, and the necessities of the times imperatively demand all our efforts to secure an educated ministry, and a wider diffusion of the benefits of knowledge among our membership. To accomplish these objects, we recommend that undivided support and encouragement be given to all our denominational institutions of learning, and especially to Wake Forest College, the hope and pride of Baptists in this State.

We further recommend that the churches diligently seek out and faithfully foster, and materially aid all young brethren who may discover ministerial talents or be impressed with the obligation to preach the Word.

Your committee mention, with grateful satisfaction, the fact that there are now at Wake Forest eleven young men studying with the minintry in view, of whom nine are beneficiaries, and we express the hope that, through the diligence and liberality of the churches, this number may soon be doubled.

B. W. JUSTICE,
DAVID GILL, Jun. } Com.
J. W. PEEBLES.

Elder W. T. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary of the Education Board of the Baptist State Convention, delivered an earnest appeal for assistance in carrying out the objects of the Board, and gave a satisfactory and interesting statement of its plans and operations. Remarks were also made by Elders Walters and Royall, when a motion to adopt was passed.

Report of the Sunday School Board, in absence of the chairman, brother W. J. Palmer, was presented by brother W. B. Royall, and read as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

There are evident indications of renewed interest in this department of christian effort, on the part of most of our churches during the past associational year. There can be no doubt entertained as to the good results that have flowed from the existence and successful operation of this important auxiliary, as evidenced in many of our recent revivals. It is a lamentable fact, however, that some of our churches are without the advantages attendant upon this almost indispensable institution.

The following is a report of the condition of the Schools connected with the Churches composing our Association.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School at Brassfields under the superintendence of brother N E Cannady, has been kept up only a part of the year and numbers fifteen or twenty pupils.

At Flat Rock the Sabbath School has been under successful operation with brother C. M. Cooke as Superintendent, and reports ten teachers and sixty pupils. Forestville reports twelve officers and teachers, and sixty pupils, under the successful superintendence of brother J. H. Dunn. Brother A. D. Ellis, of the Franklinton Sabbath School, reports twenty-

five pupils. Mt. Vernon reports three Sabbath Schools well conducted and sustained, the first at the church of which brother David Justice is Superintendent, numbering eight teachers and 78 pupils; the second at Dunnsville, established and conducted by brother L. C. Dunn, and attended by fifteen teachers and seventy pupils; the third, established by the church for the benefit of her colored members, superintended by brethren Jas. S. Ray (white) and George Dunn (colored), numbering seven teachers, and one hundred and thirty-five pupils. Brother W. S. Thompson, superintendent of New Bethel Sabbath School, reports five teachers and sixty pupils New Hope reports no Sabbath School. From Perry's Chapel also, there is no Sabbath School reported. The Raleigh church has a flourishing Sabbath School under the superior management of brother W. J. Palmer, and numbering thirty teachers and two hundred and fifty pupils. At Rolesville the Sabbath School numbers seventy-five in the aggregate, and is conducted by brother J L. Terrell. Wake Cross Roads reports no Sabbath School. The Sabbath School at Wake Forest, under the supervision of brother W. B. Royall, reports one hundred teachers and pupils. In connection with it is a flourishing Missionary Society. At Wake Union there is no Sabbath School in operation, though a faithful effort has been made to organize one. There are but few children in the families constituting this church, and these attend other Sabbath Schools in the neighborhood.

May we not view the increased interest herein exhibited as indicative of a new era, and may we not hope at the next session of our Association to hear of of the organization of Sabbath Schools in all our churches.

On motion, this report was adopted.

It was moved and carried to authorize the Treasurer to pay out any funds that may have come into his hands for a specific purpose, to those duly authorized to receive them.

Finance committee reported as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Association Fund,	Foreign Missions,	Education,
Rolesville,	5 00		
Wake Union,	5 25		8 50
Wake Cross Roads,	5 00		
Forestville,	8 00		
Brassfields,	5 00		8 50
New Hope,	3 15		
Mt. Vernon,	5 00		
Wake Forest,	5 00		
Flat Rock,	5 00		
Perry's Chapel,	5 00		
Raleigh,	4 25		
Franklinton,	5 00	10 00	12 00
New Bethel,	2 00		
Total,	$62 65	$10 00	$29 00

Your Committee also present the following supplementary report of amounts reported by the churches in their letters to the Association as having been contributed by them during the year for the various objects named:

CHURCHES.	For. Miss.	Education.	State Miss.	S. Schools.	Dom. Miss.	Totals.
Mt Vernon,	16 15	14 00		7 50		37 65
Forestville,		56 00	19 00	11 00		86 00
Wake Union,		12 25				12 25
Franklinton,	5 00	5 00	5 00	34 50		49 50
Flat Rock,		48 00				48 00
New Hope,	19 50		70 50			90 00
Brassfields,						*41 00
Wake Forest,	41 55	108 75	92 00		1 00	243 30
Total,	$82 20	244 00	186 50	53 00	1 00	607 70

*To be equally divided between the different objects of the Convention.

J. H. BELL,
J H. DUNN,
W. S. THOMPSON, } Com.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Association, on motion of Dr. Wingate, ordered the Clerk to furnish the Clerk of each church with blank form of letter to the Association, in time for next session.

Treasurer reported as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee,		$78 15
Paid for printing Minutes,	$50 00	
Foreign Missions,	7 75	
Home Missions,	11 50	
Education,	1 25	
Sabbath School,	25	
Paid Clerk,	7 40	
Due Clerk,	2 60	2 60
Total,	$80 75	$80 75

On motion, the report was adopted.

It was then moved and carried that the Clerk be directed to have 750 copies of the minutes printed, and that he be allowed $10 00 for his services.

Elder Wm. Royall offered the following:

Resolved, That in the death of brother S. D. Bevis, the Central Association and the cause of our divine Master have sustained a heavy loss. That his deep and intelligent devotion to Christ's cause, his influence as a man of God upon the community in which he lived, his dignity as a man, and his simple, unostentatious manner commend him to us as a worthy example of the private christian. That his patience under affliction and his interest in all that pertained to the kingdom of Christ, constantly increasing until his death, leave us no room to doubt that he has entered into rest

That we extend to the Franklinton church, of which he was a member, our sympathy in their well-nigh irreparable loss, and to his immediate family our sincere sorrow for the heavy bereavement which God has seen fit to inflict upon them.

After remarks of Dr. Wingate, the Pastor of our deceased brother, and brother B. W. Justice, the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Elder W. T. Brooks offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, our beloved brother, Dr. T. E. Skinner, is about to leave our State and Association, in order to labor in the ministry in another field, therefore,

Resolved, That the Association recognizes in our brother one whose long and useful services to our body and the cause of Christ, entitle him to the consideration and esteem of every member of the body.

Resolved, That we shall ever entertain and cherish for him the kindest feelings of christian love and esteem, and long remember his ability.

Resolved, That we regret the necessity which removes him from our midst, and tender to him our wishes for his prosperity and success in his new field of labor.

They were unanimously adopted

Brother W. B. Royall presented a resolution of thanks to brethren and friends for hospitalities shown the members of the Association, which was adopted.

Elder W. T. Brooks made announcement of religious exercises for to-morrow.

A motion to adjourn, having passed, Dr. Skinner offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

N. E. CANNADY, MOD'R.

B. W. JUSTICE, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

A large congregation was present in the forenoon to hear the annual Missionary Sermon by Elder W. T Walters, from John 12:15, "Lovest thou me more than these?" After which a collection was taken up amounting to $22 00. In the afternoon, Dr. T. E. Skinner preached from John 19:41-42, subject: "The grave in the garden, or the painful always associated with the pleasant in our lives."

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let	Restored.	Dis'd by Let.	Excluded	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields,	W. M. Wingate, D. D.,	N E Cannady	Brookville,			1	7	1		138	30	168
Flat Rock,	Wm Royall,	C. M Cooke,	Franklinton,	66	5	1	5	2	1	226	137	363
Forestville,	W. T Brooks,	J. R. Dunn,	Forestville,	4	3		2		1	52	7	59
Franklinton,	W. M. Wingate, D. D.,	A D. Ellis,	Franklinton,		4		2		1	30	1	31
Mt. Vernon,	W. T Brooks,	B. W. Justice,	Forestville,	43	5	1	7	1	2	149	65	214
New Bethel,	Thos W. Young,	W. S. Thompson,	Dayton,	32	3	2	4	2	4	219	35	254
New Hope,	J. K. Howell,	W. H. Buffaloe,	Raleigh,	59	3	1	1	2	2	89	83	172
Perry's Chapel,	J. S. Purefoy,	C. H. Perry,	Franklinton,				2			33	29	62
Raleigh,		Jno. T. Womble,	Raleigh,	1	6		9	4	1	290		290
Rolesville,	Thos. W. Young,	Jno. L. Terry,	Rolesville,	67	4			12	4			291
WakeCross Roads,	J. K. Howell,	J. T. Weathers,	Rolesville,		1	1	10	7	3	174	66	240
Wake Forest,	W M. Wingate, D. D.,	F. P. Hobgood,	Forestville,	8	10		4	1	1	64		64
Wake Union,	Wm Royall,	J. A. Winston,	Forestville,	7			2			94	71	165
				287	44	7	55	3201		285	524	2373

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 1868.

The Central Baptist Association assembled to-day at 11 A. M., in the house of worship of Wake Union Baptist Church.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Atkinson from 1st clause 27th verse of 1st chapter Gen. Epistle of James: "Pure Religion." After which took recess of half hour.

1½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association was called to order by brother N. E. Cannady, the former Moderator, who requested Elder R. R. Overby to conduct opening religious exercises.

Roll of churches was called, letters read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Brassfields, J. Y. McGehee, T. A. Allen, J. F. Cannady, C. G. Strayhorn.

Flat Rock, C. M. Cooke, Jno. R. Conyers, H. Minga.

Forestville, A. C. Green, J. F. Fort, Dr. A. R. Vann, J. K. Dunn.

Franklinton, T. H. Griffin, W. H. Williams, B. C. Williams.

Mt. Vernon, M. H. Allen, E. S. Dunn, W. G. Allen, B. W. Justice.

New Bethel, W. S. Thompson.

New Hope, B. B. Buffaloe, W. A. Baugh, Reuben D Weathers, Robert Trawick.

Perry's Chapel, J. P. Griffin, Obadiah Dickens.

Raleigh, Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

Rolesville, Solomon Walker, Robt. Freeman, Sumner Hall, W. R. Stell.

Wake Cross Roads, W. H. Pace, J. J. Rains, N. C. Rains, Wesley R. Stell.

Wake Forest, Prof L. R. Mills, Prof. W. G. Simmons, R. P. Thomas, Jno. M. Brewer, J. C. Scarborough.

Wake Union, Isaac Winston, Calvin Mitchell, G. M. Allen, Michael Thompson.

In response to an invitation to churches applying for admission into this body, Woodland Baptist Church, Wake Co., presented letter and petition for membership. On motion said letter and petition were received, the church was admitted, and the Moderator extended to her delegates the right hand of fellowship. The names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Woodland, W. T. Lowry, Terrell Lowry, B. H. Davis.

The Association then ballotted for officers, which resulted in the election of the former officers, brother N. E. Cannady, Moderator, B. W. Justice, Clerk and S. H. Dunn, Treasurer.

An invitation to visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats in this body, was accepted by brethren M. L. Winston and C. C. Keith from Flat River, E. Green from Tar River, Elder R. R. Overby from the Chowan and Elder Jesse Wheeler from the Raleigh.

Moderator announced the following standing committees:

On Religious Exercises, Pastor and Deacons of Wake Union Church.

On Finance, brethren W. S. Thompson B. B. Buffaloe and C. M. Cooke.

On State Missions, Elder W. T. Walters.

On Education, Elder W. T. Brooks.

On Foreign Missions, Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D

On Periodicals, Prof. W. B. Royall.

On Religious Condition of the Churches, Elder W. M. Wingate, D. D.

The Clerk made a verbal report in regard to the order of last session to have blank form of church letters or statistical tables printed and distributed to the church clerks, and stated that said blanks had been printed at brother T. M. Hughes' Printing Office, in Raleigh, where they were kept for sale.

Moderator named the following committee to select place for the next session of this body, viz: brethren Robert Trawick, Isaac Winston and Michael Thompson.

Also committee to nominate preachers for next session, brethren S. H. Dunn, Robert Trawick and T. A. Allen.

Agreed to meet at 9½ o'clock, A. M., take recess of one hour at 12½, and adjourn at 4 P. M.

Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements for to-morrow, that Elders Overby and Pritchard would occupy the stand, one in the forenoon, the other in the afternoon.

Adjourned after benediction by Dr. Pritchard.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 9½ O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Reading and prayer by Dr. Wingate.

Roll of delegates called and corrected.

Invitation renewed to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers, accepted by brother S. S. Hicks from the Flat River

Reports of corresponding messengers appointed last session called for. Elder Brooks attended the Chowan and was received with cordiality. Elder Overby had attended the sessions of most of the Associations that have met this year, and gave statement of the condition and operations of some of them.

Dr. Pritchard gave an interesting account of his recent visit to the last session of the Western N. C. Convention, and assured his hearers of the kindly and fraternal feelings of that body to the Baptists of the Centre and East.

Elder Walters attended the sessions of the Beulah, Eastern

and Chowan Associations, and was received cordially by all these bodies.

On motion, it was agreed to set apart one hour, commencing at 1½ o'clock to-morrow, for a meeting of the ministers of this Association.

Report of committee on the Religious Condition of the Churches was read by Dr. Wingate. On a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders Brooks, A. F. Purefoy and Dr. Wingate, and brethren T. A. Allen, W. S. Thompson, C. M. Cooke and S. S. Hicks, some seeking for the causes of spiritual declension in the churches, and others telling of prayer-meetings and other work among the churches.

The Association agreed to suspend business at this point until the afternoon, and listened to an earnest and forcible sermon from Dr, Pritchard on the subject of Christian Benevolence.

1½ O'clock, P. M.

After singing a hymn the body was again called to order.

Consideration of Committee's report on religiousc ondition of the churches was resumed. After brief discussion the report was unanimously adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee feel sad that the tidings from the churches composing this Association are, in many respects, so gloomy. The report of one letter is too much the report of all. "No Revival; no Prayer Meeting. Religion at a low ebb. Coldness and worldliness prevalent. Pray for us, dear brethren." Some of the churches, however, have been visited with seasons of revival. Some report constant prayer meetings in their midst, and most of the number have regularly organized Sabbath Schools. The number baptized, notwithstanding the general coldness, is about 80. Your committee would urge upon the churches the importance of the weekly prayer meeting as a means of growth in grace, and of increased usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE, Chairman.

Committee to nominate preachers for next session reported,

nominating to preach the Introductory sermon Dr. Wingate; Alternate, Elder R. R. Overby. To preach Missionary Sermon, Dr. T. H. Pritchard; Alternate, Elder W. T. Walters. The report was received and adopted.

Committee to select place of holding next session of this body, reported, recommending Wake Cross Roads. Received and adopted.

Treasurer made annual report of finances of Association, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Oct. 14, 1867.	
Received of Finance Committee,	$101 55	
Collection on Sabbath,	22 10	
Paid to Clerk for services,		10 00
Education,		36 35
Foreign Missions,		17 35
State Missions,		7 35
Paid Clerk of session of 1866 balance due,		2 60
Printing Minutes,		50 00
	$123 65	123 65

S. H. DUNN, Treasurer.

Report was received and adopted.

The following motion was offered by Elder W. T. Walters which was adopted after some discussion, viz:

Moved that the Clerk of the Association be instructed to forward by mail the minutes of the Association to the respective Clerks of the churches, as soon as they shall have been printed, and also that he forward in the same way, blank form of Associational letter.

A form of church letter of dismission was proposed by B. W. Justice. Elder Walters moved that the Association adopt the same and recommend it to the churches, and that the Clerk be instructed to have it printed with the minutes of this session.

Elder W. T. Brooks moved to amend the form by inserting a clause limiting the time for which a letter of dismission shall be valid, to six months. The amendment was rejected.

The form as proposed was then adopted. (See Appendix.)

Financial Committee made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Wake Union,	$ 5 00	Mt. Vernon,	$ 5 00
Brassfields,	5 00	New Hope,	5 00
New Bethel,	5 00	Forestville,	5 00
Wake Forest,	5 00	Wake Cross Roads,	5 00
Franklinton,	5 00	Raleigh,	5 00
Flat Rock,	5 00	Rolesville,	5 00
Perry's Chapel,	3 00	Woodland,	2 00
			$65 00

Wake Union Church for Education, $1.

Your committee also present the following supplementary reports of amounts reported by the churches, in their letters to the Association, as having been contributed by them during the year for the various objects named:

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	State Missions.	S. Schools.	Totals.
Wake Union,	13 97	50 22			64 19
Mt. Vernon,		4 15	28 00		32 15
Brassfields,		5 50	26 96		32 46
New Hope,	11 25	3 10	48 40		62 75
Forestville,	17 75	20 21	35 50	28 25	101 71
Wake Forest,	45 46	113 00	64 50	29 00	251 96
Franklinton,		4 00	28 25		32 25
Raleigh,	40 00	198 00	200 00	30 00	468 00
Totals,	$ 128 43	$ 398 18	$ 431 61	$87 25	$1045 47

W. S. THOMPSON,
C. M. COOKE,
B. B. BUFFALOE, } Com.

The Committee on Periodicals offered the following report which was adopted after remarks from Elders Walters, Pritchard and others, commendatory of the Recorder and other periodicals named in the report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Our denominational organ, we are happy to state, is in as prosperous condition as could, under the circumstances, be expected. Its patronage has, within the past year, been materially increased, and the amount of good accomplished by its weekly visitations we think incalculable. The religious journal must, by every candid mind, be viewed as a most potent agency in the propagation of gospel truth. No family should be without it. No Sabbath School should fail to

employ an auxiliary so well calculated to reach the hearts of the young. Patronage alone is wanted to make the *Biblical Recorder*, our State organ, and *Kind Words*, the child's paper of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, all we could wish them to be.

Resolved, Therefore, that we deem it obligatory on every member of the church, in our Association, to exert his influence in extending the circulation of the *Recorder*, that we heartily commend to superintendents of Sabbath Schools, as especially answering the needs of children, *Kind Words* and the *Child's Delight*, published, the former at Memphis, Tenn., the latter at Macon, Ga., while we would suggest the *Sunday School Banner* of Atlanta, Ga., as admirably adapted to the wants of teachers. Nor would we, on any account, ignore the claims of that most excellent medium of missionary intelligence, the *Home and Foreign Journal*, Richmond, Va., but would urge upon the brethren to take it, if they would be kept well informed on matters of vital interest to every lover of Jesus.

WM. B. ROYALL, Chm'n.

Executive Board made a verbal report of failure to accomplish anything and Dr. Royall gave information concerning some localities formerly destitute, but now occupied. On motion, the report was received and the Board discharged.

Consequent upon this report and upon the discharge of the Board, Elder Walters moved to strike out the 9th Art. of the Constitution of this body, which provides for the appointment of such Board and prescribes its duties and powers. Dr. Royall moved as substitute for Elder Walter's motion, to strike out of the said 9th Art. the word *shall* in first line and insert in its stead the word *may*, thus leaving it to the judgment of the Association and the demands of any particular time, to appoint a Board or not. This substitute, being accepted by the mover of the original motion, was adopted.

Dr. Wingate moved to discontinue the Minister's and Deacons' Meetings heretofore held on the 5th Sabbaths of the months, which motion was rejected.

A motion was then passed to appoint a Committee consisting of Drs. Royall, Wingate and Pritchard to arrange time, place and character of these meetings during the ensuing Associational year.

After benediction by Elder Walters, adjourned until tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 9½ A. M.

Association called to order, after prayer by Elder W. B. Royall.

Roll of Delegates called and corrected.

Proceedings of previous day read and approved.

Dr. Pritchard read report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

One might reasonably suppose that at this stage of the history of Christianity, the duty of sending the Gospel to the heathen was no longer an open question, but your Committee are persuaded that there is much skepticism on this subject, that many fail to discharge their obligation in this regard because they do not recognize these obligations as binding on them, and that there is therefore a necessity for the reconsideration of the whole matter, and the presentation of those facts and arguments which make it the duty of christians to preach the Gospel to every creature. That such is their duty, we submit from the following considerations.

First.—Without the Gospel, the Heathen must perish. There is no other name, save that of Jesus, given among men whereby we must be saved. Faith in a crucified Redeemer is the only condition of salvation according to the Scriptures. If it be urged that infants and idiots are saved without faith in Christ, and that, therefore, the Heathen may also be saved without faith in Christ, we reply that the cases are not paralel. Infants and idiots are not responsible, while the Heathen are. Paul settles this question forever in his letter to the Romans, wherein he declares that while the Gentiles have not the law of the Gospel, and will not therefore be judged by that law, they are a law unto themselves, are without excuse because they do not act according to the knowledge of God, written in their hearts and revealed to them in nature.

Secondly.—The great charter under which we operate as christians, imperatively enjoins this duty upon us. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: he that believeth not shall be damned. But how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach unless they be sent?" No christian can relieve himself of the responsibility of preaching the Gospel to the Heathen. The Apostles, to whom this command was originally given, understood it literally, and every one of them became a foreign Missionary. Paul preached not only in Palestine, but in Asia Minor, Greece, Italy and Spain; Peter labored in India, Parthia and Rome; James, the son of Zebedee, in Asia Minor; Andrew in Scythia and Greece; Phillip was the Apostle of Upper Asia; Bartholomew of India; Thomas, according to Jerome, preached in Media, Parthia, and Bactria; Matthew in Ethiopia and Persia; Simon Zelotes, in Egypt, Cyrene, Lybia and Mauritania; Jude in Samaria and Lybia, and John we know, labored for many years in Asia Minor.

Not only did the Apostles recognize it as their duty to carry the Gospel into foreign lands, but we read in the book of Acts, that in the early days of christianity, the disciples *went everywhere, both men*

and women preaching the word, and history makes mention of a number of zealous christians, who sold themselves into slavery that they might reach countries otherwise inaccessible to the Gospel. So universally indeed was the spirit of missions that, within three hundred years after the birth of Christ, the Gospel had been carried to almost every nation then known to the civilized world. It was obedience to this command of the Head of the church which carried the Gospel from Asia to Greece, and Italy and Spain and Germany and Brittan ; which caused it to be preached among the Angles and Saxons, our idolatrous forefathers ; which has translated from language to language, and transmitted it from country to country until, in the providence of God, this great blessing has been brought to us and our children. To the foreign missionary enterprise, we are indebted for our hopes of heaven ; shall we not therefore labor and pray for this great cause, that others may enjoy the greatest blessing God has ever bestowed upon man ?

Thirdly.—We should send the Gospel to the Heathen because of the temporal blessings it bestows. All heathen lands are full of the habitations of cruelty. Many thousand children are sacrificed to false gods in India every year. When the King of Dahomey, in Central Africa, died a few years ago, fifty men were buried alive with him, while in Burmah and many other parts of central Africa, the old and infirm are inhumanly left in desert places to perish for lack of food, or to be devoured by wild beasts. In no country, not blessed with the Gospel, is woman appreciated. Mohammedanism does not accord to her a soul ; the Chinese do not count their daughters at all in speaking of their children, and the spectacle of an ox and a woman yoked to a plow while the husband holds the handles, often presents itself to the traveller in China. In all heathen countries women have no choice in marriage, may be divorced at will, and in many pagan lands, the power of life and death of the wife is absolute in the hands of the husband. Now the Gospel is the reformer of all these superstitions, abuses and abominable cruelties, and if it is our duty to do good to all mankind, then it is our duty to send them the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

Fourthly.—We ought to give our hearty support to the foreign missionary enterprise, because of the success which has attended the efforts put forth in this direction. We must remember that the work has been necessarily slow. In many countries, not only has there been a necessity for the translation of the Bible into strange and difficult languages, but the very language itself has had to be reduced to form and system by the missionaries ; they have been obliged to make grammars and dictionaries before they could begin the work of translation. Then they have had to encounter the strongest conceivable opposition not only from the false systems of religions, which the Gospel would overthrow, but also from the social customs and usages of the country, as the system of *caste* in India, and the most sacred affections of the human heart, as the *ancestral worship* of the Chinese, with which the Gospel most fatally interferes. Judson labored in Burmah for seven years before a single convert gladdened his weary heart, and the Moravian missionaries of Greenland had to wait longer than that before they saw any fruits from their labors. If now we consider the stupendous nature of this enterprise, the almost insurmountable obstacles to be

overcome, the smallness of the number of missionaries, and the meagre measure of faith and money which the christian world has expended in this work, we surely ought not to be discouraged by the results. The Bible has been translated into one thousand different languages and dialects, and it may be safely said that *five-sixths* of the entire race of man can read the Scriptures in their own language. In India, there are about a hundred thousand children in christian schools, and the converts to christianity in that country alone, number more than a hundred and twenty-five thousand, while there are now more than one thousand two hundred missionaries and preachers at work there for Jesus. It is computed that there are at present in the foreign field, in all parts of the world, about three thousand European and American Missionaries with six thousand assistants ; that the converts in the churches are over two hundred and fifty thousand, while there are not fewer than *five* to *seven hundred thousand souls* under the immediate influence of the Gospel in heathen lands. One of the largest churches in the world is in the Sandwich Islands, where the Gospel was not known before the begining of the present century. They have built them a church at the cost of twenty thousand dollars. And many of these churches are not only self sustaining, but contribute to spread the Gospel in other countries. There were added, it is said, to a single church in China during the past year, as many as a hundred members, which is much better than the majority of the churches in christian America have done.

And fifthly.—We ought to sustain the foreign missionary enterprise, because the history of christianity has conclusively shown that a church can never enjoy large prosperity which fails to obey the Great Commission.

T. H. PRITCHARD.

Dr. Pritchard gave interesting statements of missionary operations in China by Elder M. T. Yates, and in Africa by Elders Stone and Phillips, and commented upon the dearth of information among the churches, on the subject of Missions. Elders Overby, Walters and Dr. Royall also spoke on Missions, and the report was adopted.

Elder W. T. Brooks read

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee would give a brief account of the origin, progress, and present condition of Ministerial Education in N. C,

A short time before the establishment of Wake Forest Institute in 1834, two or three brethren were found, who felt it their duty to preach the gospel, and desired to enter upon a course of study preparatory to the gospel work before them. By the advice and aid of a few brethren who were prominent in founding the Institution, these brethren were placed under the direction of brother G. W, Thompson, who was, at that time, teaching a school at Martin's Academy, about three or four miles from the Institute.

Soon after the Institution went into operation, one of the brethren Elder William Jones, who had been studying with brother

Thompson, was transferred to that place, He was the first Beneficiary that graduated at Wake Forest College, under the direction of the Board of Education. This was the commencement of Ministerial Education by the Baptist State Convention.

After this, others were received by the Board, and brother M. T. Yates, if your committee recollects correctly, was the second Beneficiary that graduated at the College.

The number were multiplied from year to year, until it has reached thirty or more, who have been wholly or in part aided by the Board of the Convention.

It may not be uninteresting to this Association to know that Wake Forest College has educated, up to this time, between 75 and 100 ministers. It gives us pleasure to say that a large proportion of the above number are occupying prominent positions, in this and other States, as ministers of the gospel, professors in Colleges, and teachers in High Schools.

The present number of Beneficiaries is eleven. And it is gratifying to your Committee to be able to state that they compare favorably with those of any former year.

This number ought to be greatly increased, in view of the great demand for faithful ministers. We need fifty efficient men to occupy the destitute places in our own State. Several applications have been made to the Board during the year for assistance, which they could not entertain, because they had not the means to meet the expenses—they had to say to the applicants, We can not assist you for want of funds.

The Central Association is able, *alone*, if the grace of giving according to the gospel plan were fully developed, to sustain one half, if not the whole, of the present number of Beneficiaries.

Brethren, will you take hold of this important work and press it forward to a glorious consummation ? The young men now being educated, are for your benefit and that of your children.

Resolved, that the Baptist denomination are not fully alive to the great importance of Ministerial Education.

W. T. BROOKS, Ch'm'n.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the report and resolution. Eloquent appeals for material assistance in this cause, were made by Dr. Wingate, Elders Walters, Brooks and Overby, a collection was taken amounting in cash and produce to about $90, and the motion to adopt prevailed.

Took recess until afternoon hour.

1½ O'clock, P. M.

According to arrangement, a meeting of the Ministers of this Association was held at this hour. Elder Brooks was

elected Moderator and Elder Walters, Secretary. The object of the meeting was explained at length by Elder Overby. After explanatory remarks and suggestions from several ministers the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That it is important for the best interests of the cause of Christ and the good of the churches, that some plan of systematic benevolence be introduced,

Resolved, 2, That in the plan we adopt, we will strive to reach every member of our churches and every friend to the cause of Christ in our congregations.

Resolved. 3. That the plan of weekly contributions has apostolic authority, and that we will act upon this plan, making only such modifications as may seem to us proper.

It was then ordered that the Moderator secure the signatures of ministers who will act upon this plan, and that the clerk of the Association be requested to insert the above resolutions in the minutes.

Signed, W. T. WALTERS, Clerk.
A. F. PUREFOY,
R. R. OVERBY,
W. M. WINGATE,
WM. B. ROYALL,
WM. ROYALL,
} W. T. BROOKS, MOD.

Association was called to order.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read by Elder Wm. B. Royall, which was adopted without discussion, as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee submit the following report:

We are more than ever convinced of the importance of this field of christian labor. Of the accessions to our churches during the past year, many are to be ascribed to the influence of the Sunday School, and where there has been a want of interest in this department of effort, there has been generally a corresponding spiritual dearth. It is emphatically the nursery of the church, the means of all others best adapted to teach the unsearchahle riches of Christ to tender youth, and to bring into lively exercise those graces that so richly adorn the christian life.

With deep regret we call attention to the apparent indifference on the part of some of our churches in this matter, as shown in the following exhibit:

Brassfields. Three schools at work during a part of the year, with an aggregate attendance of 60 or 70 scholars.

Cross Roads. No school.

Flat Rock, A school of 35 scholars. P. M. Harrison, Sup't.

Forestville. Brother J. H. Dunn Sup't roports a school of 55 scholars and ten teachers, and in connection with the school a Juvenile Society, of 50 members, in good working order.

Franklinton. This school reports 29 scholars and 5 teachers, A. D. Ellis Sup't.

Mt. Vernon. There are in this church four schools, one of which is colored. The three white schools contain an aggregate of 17 teachers and 130 scholars; Sup'ts. L. C. Dunn, B. W. Justice, and A. Y. Bailey; the school superintended by brother Justice having a large Sunday School Society. The colored school, of which brother J. S. Ray is Sup't, has 100 scholars and 5 teachers.

New Bethel. Two schools, statistics not given.

New Hope. A school of 30 scholars 7 and teachers. B. B. Buffaloe Sup't.

Perry's Chapel. No school.

Raleigh. The school of this church, under the superintendence of brother W. J. Palmer, reports 239 scholars, 32 teachers, a monthly teachers meeting, and a youth's Missionary Society.

Rolesville. No school.

Wake Forest. This school numbers 72 scholars and 10 teachers. Wm. B. Royall Sup't. There is connected with it also, a Missionary Society.

Wake Union. No school.

Woodland No school.

W. B. ROYALL, Ch'm'n, pro tem.

Elder Walters offered Report on State Missions, adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that since the reorganization of the State Mission Board, an increasing interest in this department of christian labor has been manifested on the part of the churches of our land, and an encouraging amount of work has been done. The State Mission Board reported last year 24 Missionaries, and the collections and expenditures are about one thousand dollars in supplying the destitution within the limits of our State.

It is earnestly hoped that the increased interest manifested in this important work will lead to the speedy occupation of the entire destitution of the State. That such may be the result we must use all the means which God has placed in our hands and we should not think our duty is discharged until the work is accomplished. A contribution from every christian in our land ought to be our motto, and the organization of some systematic plan of benevolence which shall enlist the sympathies and hearty co-operation of every member of our churches. We regard this as important to the best interest of the cause as well as of the churches themselves. "May God show us our duty and then grant us grace to perform it" ought to be the daily prayer of all of his people.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. WALTERS.

Elder Brooks moved to reappoint the former S. School Board. B. W. Justice moved to amend by placing the name of Elder W. B. Royall as Chairman, which was accepted, and the motion prevailed.

Dr. Royall read report of Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Meetings on 5th Sabbaths as follows :

That the next meeting take place with the church at Raleigh, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in November.

They recommend that essays be read upon the following subject:

1. How to manage Infant Classes. Essayists, W. J. Palmer and W. B. Royall.

2. How are the young in our Sunday Schools to be trained to habits of benevolence, Essayists, Dr. Pritchard and Prof. Walters.

3. What qualifications are demanded in a Superintendent of a Sabbath School? Essayists, Dr. Wingate and B. W. Justice.

4. Is it necessary that teachers of Sunday Schools should be pious ? Essayists, Prof. W. T. Brooks and Elder. J. K. Howell.

Report was adopted.

Moderator made appointments of Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations as follows :

Raleigh, Dr. Royall, Elder Walters and brother Robert Trawick.

Tar River, Dr. Wingate, Elders Brooks and Walters.

Flat River, brethren N. E. Cannady. W. S. Thompson and Dudley Peed.

Beulah, Dr. Wingate and Elder Overby.

Eastern. Elder Walters, brother J. H. Mills and Dr. Pritchard.

Chowan, Elders Brooks and Walters and brother J. H. Mills.

Association passed a unanimous vote of thanks to brethren of Wake Union church and the citizens of the vicinity for unremitting hospitality during the session.

A motion was passed directing the Clerk to have 500 copies of minutes printed, and allowing that officer $10 for his services.

After singing doxology and benediction, the Association adjourned.

SABBATH, OCT. 11, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The annual Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Brooks from Jeremiah 20 : 9. Subject, Discouragements of Ministers.

A collection amounting to $14.68 was taken up at the close of the sermon.

In the afternoon Elder R. R. Overby preached from Mark 13 : 14. "To every man his work." After which the congregation was dismissed.

N. E. CANNADY, Moderator.

B. W. JUSTICE, Clerk.

FORM OF LETTER OF DISMISSION.

The Baptist church of Christ worshipping at.....County N. C., and agreeing in doctrine and discipline with the great body of Missionary Baptists in the United States, to any other church of the same faith and order sendeth Christian salutation :

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:—Whereas our beloved brother (or sister) ....., has petitioned for a letter of dismission from us in order to unite with some other church of the same faith and order, therefore this is to certify that he (or she) is a member with us in good standing and full communion, and as such he (or she) is hereby recommended to your christian regard and fellowship. He (or she) will be considered regularly dismissed from us when he (or she) shall have been received by you ; of which we desire to be notified by you.

By order of the Church in Conference this.....day of..... ....., A. D., 18.....

.....CHURCH CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased	Whites.	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields,	W. M. Wingate, D. D.,	N. E Cannady,	Brookville,	....	1	..	7	4	3	127	28	155
Flat Rock,	Wm. Royall, D. D.,	J. K. Purefoy,	Pacific,	27	8	..	1	4	5	231	128	359
Forestville,	W. T. Brooks,	J. K. Dunn,	Forestville	....	6	..	1	1	1	55	3	58
Franklinton,	W. M. Wingate, D. D.,	A. D. Ellis,	Franklinton,	4	..	..	..	..	2	31	....	31
Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	R. W. Justice,	Forestville,	5	6	..	6	2	3	146	76	222
New Bethel,	A. D. Blackwood,	W. S. Thompson,	Dayton,	6	11	..	2	10	2	236	25	261
New Hope,	J. K. Howell,	W. H. Buffaloe	Raleigh,	20	4	..	2	7	2	167	....	167
Perry's Chapel,	W. A Barrett,	C. H. Perry,	Franklinton,	28	2	1	2	5	..	52	37	89
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard, D. D.,	J. T. Womble,	Raleigh	1	5	1	13	4	..	253	....	253
Rolesville,	J. Wheeler,	Jno. L. Terrell,	Rolesville,	13	1	..	..	10	3	274	....	274
Wake Cross Roads,	J. K. Howell,	J. T. Withers,	Rolesville,	6	..	1	5	..	5	174	69	243
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate, D. D.,	R. P. Thomas,	Forestville,	....	2	..	..	4	..	59	....	59
Wake Union,	Wm. Royall, D. D.,	J. A. Winston,	Forestville,	....	..	..	19	2	1	88	47	135
Woodland,	A. F. Purefoy,	J. H. Lowry,	Forestville,	....	..	..	..	..	..	59	....	59
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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S. H. DUNN, TREASURER.

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A. D. ELLIS.

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" W. T. Brooks,	" T. H. Pritchard, D.D.
" J. K. Howell,	" Wm. Royall, D. D.
" J. H. Layton,	" W. T. Walters,
" J. S. Purefoy,	" Jesse Wheeler,
" W. A. Barrett,	" W. M. Wingate, D. D

LICENTIATES.

Brother David Justice, Brother T. M. Hughes,
Brother W. B. Royall.

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Wake Cross Roads, Wake County, N. C.

October 7--9, 1869.

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Elder A. F. Purefoy.

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" W M. Wingate, D. D.

PROCEEDINGS.

WAKE CROSS ROADS CHURCH, WAKE COUNTY,
Thursday, Oct. 7, 1869.

The Central Baptist Association met this day at 11 o'clock, A. M., and listened to the Introductory Sermon, preached by Elder W. M. Wingate, from John xvi: 7—"It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." Subject, personality and work of the Holy Spirit.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

At this hour the Moderator called to order, after the singing of a hymn.

List of Churches was called, the letters read, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Brassfields.—J. Y. McGehee, T. A. Allen, C. G. Strayhorn.

Flat Rock.—J. J. Freeman, W. J. Freeman, James Jones, P. M. Harrison.

Forestville.—Dr. A. R. Vann, W. B. Dunn, Jr., W. B. Smith, Samuel H. Dunn.

Franklinton.—W. H. Williams.

Mt. Vernon.—Peterson Dunn, J. H. Bell, David Gill, J. D. Allen.

New Bethel.—I. J. Brogden.

New Hope.—Robert Trawick, B. B. Buffaloe, W. A. Baugh, M. W. Buffaloe, R. J. Buffaloe.

Perry's Chapel.—Henry Wilder, Ransom Gill.

Raleigh.—J. R. Harrison, E. S. Lougee, John Armstrong.

Rolesville.—N. R. Watkins, Jos. Bailey, Jas. C. Lee.

Cross Roads.—W. H. Pace, E. R. Pace, Wesley Stell, W. W. Weathers, C. W. Scarboro'.

Wake Forest.—Prof. W. G. Simmons, Prof. J. C. Scarboro', C. Durham.

Wake Union.—Geo. B. Allen, Willis Holden, G. M. Allen, John Pinnell.

Woodland.—Wm. Lowry, B. H. Davis, Hillory Lowry.

A ballot for officers resulted in the re-election of N. E. Cannady, Moderator; B. W. Justice, Secretary; and Samuel H. Dunn, Treasurer.

Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats. The invitation was accepted by Bro. W. H. Avera, from the Raleigh Association, and Elder W. B. Harrell and Dr. H. B. Marley of Smithfield Church.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Religious Exercises.—The Pastor and Deacons of Cross Roads Church.

Finance.—J. H. Bell, Jas. C. Lee, W. H. Williams.

State Missions.—Elder W. M. Wingate.

Education.—Elder T. H. Pritchard.

Periodicals.—Elder A. F. Purefoy.

Foreign Missions.—Elder W. T. Brooks.

Religious Condition of the Churches.—Elder Wm. Royall.

To Select Place of next Session.—J. R. Harrison, Robert Trawick, and C. G. Strayhorn.

To Nominate Preachers for next Session.—W. H. Pace, Samuel H. Dunn, and George B. Allen.

Temperance.—J. R. Harrison.

On motion by Elder W. T. Brooks, agreed to meet each day at 9½ o'clock, A. M., take recess of one hour at 12½, and adjourn at 4, P. M.

On motion presented by Elder Wingate, it was agreed to suspend business each day at 11 o'clock, A. M., to listen to a sermon.

Elder Pritchard moved to reconsider the above motion to suspend, which motion prevailed.

After discussion, the original motion was so amended as to instruct the Committee on religious exercises to appoint a preacher for the hour of 11, A. M., to-morrow. In this form the motion was rejected.

Corresponding Messengers, appointed last year, were then called on to report.

Elder Wingate and B. W. Justice reported attendance upon the Beulah and Flat River Associations. Elder Wingate at-

tended the Chowan, the largest and most active body of Baptists in our Convention, the banner Association of the State. Elder Wingate and B. W. Justice also attended the sessions of some of the Associations in the West, and the recent session of the Western Baptist Convention. These brethren gave some interesting information concerning the operations of some of the bodies named above.

Adjourned, after benediction by Elder Brooks.

FRIDAY, Oct. 8, 1869, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Moderator called to order.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder Wingate.

The roll of delegates was called, and the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Report of the Treasurer for the financial year just closed, was presented and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Oct 8, 1869.

Cash received of Finance Committee last year,		$ 66 00
Collection on Sabbath, last year,		14 25
	Total Receipts,	$ 80 25
Paid State Mission Board,	$ 4 90	
" Foreign " "	4 45	
" Education Board,	4 90	
" Clerk for Services,	10 00	
" For Printing Minutes,	40 00	
Total expenditures,	$ 64 25	
Balance on hand,	16 00	
	$ 80 25	$ 80 25

A resolution was offered by B. W. Justice, which was adopted, after discussion, to rescind the resolution requiring each Church to send $5.00 for incidental expenses, and to request each Church to send to each annual session of this body, for incidental expenses, a sum equal in amount to three cents per head of all white members, and to instruct the Secretary to distribute the Minutes in proportion to the several amounts contributed.

Elder W. T. Brooks offered a resolution to divide the surplus funds that may be on hand, after paying incidental expenses of this session, equally among the three objects of the Convention, viz: Foreign and State Missions and Education; and to instruct the Treasurer to pay it over in accordance with this resolution. Adopted.

The surplus was estimated at $36.00

The Committee to select place of holding next session of this body, offered report recommending Raleigh, and that the time be changed two weeks later, to avoid conflicting with the time of holding Superior Court in Raleigh.

Elder Wingate moved to adopt the first item in the report.

After remarks by Elders Wingate and Pritchard, Bro. G. B. Allen moved to substitute Brassfield's Church for Raleigh.

On motion of Elder Pritchard, the whole matter was re-committed.

The Committee to nominate preachers reported, nominating to preach introductory sermon, Elder J. L. Carroll; alternate, J. S. Purefoy; to preach missionary sermon, Elder Wm. Royall; alternate, Elder W. T. Brooks. The report was adopted.

Elder Brooks read report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, as follows:

From all the information at the command of your Committee, they are gratified to be able to state that the prospects of Foreign Missions are brightening. The letters recently received from our Missionaries in China are encouraging. The pleasure of the Lord seems to be prospering in their hands. The good work moves on *slowly* but *surely*. Our self-sacrificing Missionaries are gradually gaining access to the hearts of the heathen, and by their faithful labors, many a benighted mind is led to the Saviour of sinners.

Brother Hartwell, one of our Missionaries in China, writes: "We feel that the day is at hand, in which God will do wonderful things for us in China. We hope we have seen the beginning of a new state of things. A proclamation, issued not long since, by imperial order, forbids the repair of temples destroyed by the rebels, and this may prove, under God, another step towards the overthrow of idolatry here. Let us labor, and pray, and wait to see the glory of God in the land."

It is also stated, in the August number of the Home and Foreign Journal, that the advices from China still continue to be cheering—Brother Hartwell reports one baptism; Brother Yates four additions, and three have been baptized by Brother Graves. Let us praise the Lord for his goodness, and with new ervor, let us prosecute the work he has given us to do.

Another cheering indication, as stated by Dr. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board, is that "the tokens of increasing liberality among our brethren and sisters are everywhere manifest." And the good man adds: 'Let us thank God for this and take courage."

How must the heart of the toil-worn Missionary swell with emotions of joy, when he witnesses the blessings of God upon his labors!

Brethren, with these encouragements before us—with the manifest tokens of the divine favor, *just at this time*, upon the labors of our Missionaries, shall we falter in the glorious work? Shall we any longer look upon the Foreign Missionary enterprise as a Utopian scheme, and say the work cannot be accomp ished? God forbid! Let us then rally to the standard of Missions! And while our Missionaries, who have cause to be discouraged in the arduous work, labor so faithfully, speak and write so hopefully, let us not be despondent, but let us, by our self-denial, prayers and contributions, sustain those noble brethren in a work that promises such glorious results. In due season, we shall reap, if we faint not.

W. T. BROOKS, CHAIRMAN.

Elder Brooks followed the reading of the report with an array of interesting facts, statistics, and results of missionary labor.

Elder J. S. Purefoy answered objections against giving money to this cause, stated the need of funds, and suggested that this body unite with the Raleigh Association to raise the amount needed for the support of Bro. Yates in China.

Elder T. H. Pritchard explained some financial transactions connected with Bro. Yates' mission in China, and urged the adoption of the plan proposed by Elder Purefoy.

Brief addresses were made by B. W. Justice and Elder Wingate, referring to the idolatry of our ancestors, the Angles and Saxons, and our obligations to the Foreign Mission work.

Took recess at usual hour.

1½ o'clock, P. M.

Assembled at singing a hymn.

On motion of Elder J. S. Purefoy, the report of Committee on Foreign Missions was laid on the table, in order to consider a motion to refer to a Committee of three the suggestion to raise Bro. Yates' support in conjunction with the Raleigh Association, and the Committee to report the amount this body ought to raise.

Motion was passed and Elders Purefoy and Brooks, and Bro. W. H. Williams were placed on the Committee.

The report on Foreign Missions was then taken from the table, and further discussed by Elder W. B. Harrell, urging liberality, and by Elder Wingate, recommending system and method in contributions. The report was then adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the suggestion of rais-

ing the support of Bro. Yates, with the Raleigh Association, reported, recommending that this body undertake to raise $400, next year. B. W. Justice moved to strike out $400 and insert $600.. Prof. W. B. Royall moved to amend that amendment by striking out the recommendation of the Committee, and inserting a request that each Church in this body endeavor to raise next year, for the support of Bro. Yates, an amount equal to at least twenty-five cents per head of the white members, which was adopted in this form, in place of the recommendation of the Committee.

On motion of Elder Wingate, a Committee of Conference, of three members, was appointed to inform the Raleigh Association, and request that body to co-operate with us. Elder T. H. Pritchard, B. W. Justice, and J. R. Harrison were placed on the Committee.

The Committee to select place for holding next session of this body, made new report, recommending New Bethel Church, about 16 miles N. W. of Raleigh. Adopted.

Bro. R. Trawick moved appointment of a Committee of three to divide the Association into four sections, in which the annual sessions of this body shall be held in regular succession; carried.

Adjourned, after prayer and benediction by Elder W. B. Harrell.

SATURDAY, Oct. 9, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Association was called to order at the usual hour.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder W. A. Atkinson.

Committee on Finance offered report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Cash from Churches as follows:

Brassfields,	$ 5 00	for	Incidental	Expenses.
Flat Rock,	5 00	"	"	"
Forestville,	5 00	"	"	"
Franklinton,	5 00	"	"	"
New Bethel,	5 00	"	"	"
New Hope,	5 00	"	"	"

Mt. Vernon,	5 00	"	"	"
Perry's Chapel,	5 00	"	"	"
Wake Cross Roads,	5 00	"	"	"
Wake Forest,	5 00	"	"	"
Wake Union,	5 00	"	"	"
Rolesville,	5 00	"	"	"
Raleigh,	5 00	"	"	"
Woodland,	5 00	"	"	"
Total,	$70 00			
Franklinton,	5 00	for Foreign Missions.		
Total cash,	$75 00			

Your Committee also present the following supplementary report of amounts reported by the Churches, as having been contributed by them for the four objects of the State Convention:

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Education.	S. Schools.	Total.
Raleigh	$280 00	$200 00	$340 00	$1450 00	$2270 00
Wake Forest	9 00	81 44	103 50	125 00	318 94
Franklinton	.....	5 00	12 00	.....	17 00
Brassfields	.....	.....	63 00	.....	63 00
Wake Union	.....	19 60	14 00	.....	33 60
Flat Rock	(Objects	not	named.)	.....	31 39
Wake Cross Roads	1 00	1 00	13 50	.....	15 50
Perry's Chapel	.....	.....	35 00	.....	35 00
Forrestville	44 75	12 50	.....	.....	57 25
Mt. Vernon	4 16	20 00	4 10	.....	28 26
New Hope	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Totals	$348 91	$339 54	$586 10	$1575 00	$2879 94

J. H. BELL,
J. C. LEE,
W. H. WILLIAMS. } Com.

The Committee appointed to divide the Association into sections reported as fellows:

1. Brassfields, Franklinton, Perry's Chapel, Flat Rock.
2. Mt. Vernon, New Bethel, Woodland, Wake Union.
3. Wake Forest, Forestville, Rolesville.
4. Raleigh, New Hope, Cross Roads.

The report was adopted.

Elder Wm. Royall read the report of Committee on the Religious condition of the Churches, as follows:

In estimating the spiritual condition of religious bodies, we cannot dispense with the rule laid down by our Saviour, "By their fruits ye shall know them." These fruits evidently include more than the actual results of Christian labor. The efforts put forth in order to attain the ends of Christian life as well as the spirit evinced by these efforts, must, as far as possible, be taken into the account. They will lead us to inquire,

1st. What the churches are doing to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom at home.

2nd. What they are doing to advance it abroad.

3rd. What seems to be the prevalent tone of personal piety.

In answer to the first, we may say that, while doing much less than they might and ought to do, there is yet apparent a commendable desire to bring the Gospel to reach and affect the hearts of men. For while preaching and other means of grace are not provided more largely than in years past, they are still kept up with regularity, and upon a plan which gives opportunity to thousands to hear the Word and learn the Way of Life.

By reference to the letters from the churches, it will be seen that there have been comparatively few additions to their membership during the last year.—But we may be allowed to add that some have been revived, and that one is now enjoying a "time of refreshing."

The spirit of organizing Sunday Schools and of improving the methods of conducting them, is a sign of good not to be ignored by us; indeed this feature in the condition of our churches gives all who reflect upon it, good reason for hoping that we are on the way to a state of things quite in advance of the present, which, in the next generation, we may hope, is destined to supersede the unsatisfactory, and, in many respects, unscriptural system, or rather want of system prevailing in many of our churches.

In answer to the second question we can say nothing very cheering. Two or three churches have the monthly concert of prayer for the spread of the gospel, at which contributions to that object are made. And nearly all approve the object, although failing to do much to promote it. Perhaps we may say that about enough is done to justify us in retaining the title of "Missionary Baptist Churches." It is, however, melancholy to reflect that many never give at all, and that a few, on various pretexts, are actually opposed to doing so—for instance, some object to the employment of agents, some to the expensiveness of Missions, and some to the (alleged) never-ending demands made from generation to generation, for the support of missions which ought long ago to have been self-sustaining. In answer to the third inquiry, we must say that there are many who "fear the Lord," and who "speak often one to another" about the degeneracy of the times, and encourage their hearts by adducing the promises of God to his people and anticipating the better time to come

But we must not fail to mention the increasing prevalence of worldly-mindedness in the various forms of devotion to Mammon, to Fashion, and to carnal pleasures. As a religious body we must sound the alarm and faithfully warn the churches of the danger of retaining in their fellowship those who show that they have no heart for God's cause and yet manifest a lively interest in the accumulation of wealth and in securing other ends purely worldly. We cannot afford to have the little effort put forth in the right direction counteracted by the indifference or opposition of false friends, or by the assumed neutrality of those who, being of our number, are forever in our way precisely because they are neutral.

Would it not be well for many of our churches to re-organize upon the basis of a distinct recognition of certain fundamental principles which have, of late, years ceased to control and regulate the conduct of church members in fulfilment of their relations to the cause of God and to one another

W. ROYALL, CHAIRMAN.

The adoption of the report was advocated by Elder W. T. Brooks, who lamented the low state of vital religion and urged all to strive to attain the New Testament standard of personal piety in church and family. Elder Wingate also spoke in reference to active, vital piety and constant Christian labor as necessary to robust Christian manhood. The report was unanimously adopted.

On motion of brother G. B. Allen the Secretary was instruct-

ed to have the Constitution and Rules of this body printed in the minutes of this session.

The report of Committee on State Missions was read by Elder W. M. Wingate as follows:

The importance of the Home field has certainly not been diminished since our last meeting. The causes which were then in operation to render special effort desirable, still operate with undiminished force. But the power to accomplish anything at all adequate to the demands has sensibly decreased. The cry against agents, agents' salaries, and agency work; the effort in some quarters to introduce a system of giving which might ultimately render agencies unnecessary; together with diminished crops; and, it is to be feared, diminished benevolent activity, have all had their effect. Something, it would seem, should be done to enlist again the energies of the denomination in this great and all-important work. May we be able to devise liberal things for the Lord.

W. M. WINGATE, CHAIRMAN.

Eleer W. T. Brooks, in a humorous vein, advocated a just pride and interest in all our State benevolent enterprises. Elder W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission and Education Boards, gave comparative statements of operations by these Boards within the past two years, showing that last year about $7,000 had been collected and expended in this field, a larger sum than that raised by any other Southern State for the same object in the same time. During this year, less had been done, in consequence of the wishes of the Convention, more or less formally expressed at its last session, that reliance should be had more upon voluntary and systematic contributions and less upon direct and personal appeals as an agent, and the general feeling of dislike to agencies and appeals for funds. He expressed his zeal and devotion to the cause and entire willingness to work in any field assigned him by his brethren.

Elder A. F. Purefoy read extracts from Home and Foreign Journal to show what the native Chinese churches are doing in Home Missions.

Report was adopted.

Prof. W. B. Royall read the report of the Sunday School Committee, as follows:

It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to report an increasing interest, throughout our Association, in this important department of Christian effort. Indeed one of the most encouraging signs of the times is the general awakening on this subject. The fact that an enterprise attended with such glorious results, which but a few years ago, however, offered its advantages to only the favored few, has become so extensive and potent an auxiliary in the work of evangelization, ought certainly to excite gratitude in the hearts of all who hold and love the truth as it is in Jesus

We have often to deplore the early training of many whom we know to be devoted Christians. Mistaken views of duty, imbibed in childhood, contin-

ue their hold upon us, more or less, in mature years, and even though these shou'd undergo change, yet their influence will, in a great measure, be always seriously felt. On the other hand, in the child properly instructed and trained in the Sabbath School, we may, as a general thing, behold the first fruits—the buddings of the well-informed, right-minded, hard-working Christian man or woman.

The revival of interest in this noble cause within our Association, is due largely to the efficient labors of our energetic Corresponding Secretary and the felicitous continuation of the District Sunday School Association and the Ministers and Deacons' meeting.

The following statist'cs and items of interest we gather principally from the letters of the Churches:

Brassfields.—One School at the Church, 4 teachers, 31 scholars, 9 conversions during the year. Much interest is manifested; children attentive and orderly; W. O. Allen, Superintendent.

Another at Greenwood, a branch of this Church, in a flourishing condition, numbering some 45 scholars.

Cross Roads.—School of 8 teachers, 61 scholars, 5 conversions during the year, J. F. Tuttle, Superintendent.

Flat Rock.—Three Schools in successful operation, 26 teachers; 172 scholars; Superintendents P. M. Harrison, S. C. Eaves, J. K Purefoy and T. D. Clifton.

Forestville.—A School of 9 teachers, 60 scholars, F. M. Purefoy, Supt. An interesting Missionary Society in this School.

Franklinton.—School reports 6 teachers, 34 scholars, A. D. Ellis, Sup't.

Mt. Vernon.—Two Schools, composed of whites, an aggregate of 20 teachers and 120 scholars, B. W. Justice and L. C. Dunn, Sup't. One colored School, 5 teachers and 90 scholars, J. S. Ray, Sup't.

New Bethel.—Two Schools—one under the supervision of Jas. W. Atkinson, in good condition, numbering 60 scholars; the other, conducted by W. S. Thompson; no statistics given.

New Hope. School of 9 teachers and 33 scholars; B. B. Buffaloe, Sup't.

Perry's Chapel.—No School.

Raleigh. This School reports 37 officers and teachers, and 336 scholars; W. J. Palmer, Sup't.

The following interesting extract is taken from the letter of the Church: "Our Sunday School has enjoyed a year of great prosperity; the tone and character of the instructions imparted have, we trust, been more elevated and spiritual, and the good accomplished by this most excellent institution, is seen in the fact, that 39 of the 52 who have professed religion among us during the year, were connected with the Sunday School. Our Infant Class Department has been so wisely managed that it is not only one of the most interesting features of the School, but has been pronounced by those competent to judge in the premises, one of the most admirably conducted and efficient classes in this country. We have also a Youth's Missionary Society connected with the School, by which the children of the School are taught the habits of beneficence, and to work for the Master."

Rolesville.—School of 9 teachers, 60 scholars; R. Jones, Sup't.

Wake Forest.—Number of teachers 14, scholars 100, W. B Royall, Sup't. The Missionary Society connected with this School has been a most gratifying success

Wake Union.—No School.

Woodland.—School of 5 teachers, 30 scholars; T. Lowry, Sup't.

Besides these, it gives us pleasure to report the organization, during the year, of two Schools within the limits of our Association—one at the Falls of Neuse, with 5 teachers and 50 scholars. A revival of religion in this School in the month of September, resulted in the conversion of a considerable number, of whom 14 were members of the School; the other is at Union Grove, under the superintendence of J. Broughton and S. White, and has 10 teachers and 60 scholars; 5 recent conversions in this School.

Summary, officers and teachers, about	180
Scholars,	1400
Total,	1580

W. B. ROYALL, CHAIRMAN.

Elder Wm Royall spoke of the feeling, in minds of some, of danger that this Sunday School interest will become a hobby, a mania, that men may become fanatical on the subject and

carry it to extremes, and afterwards it may die out and be forgotten, and urged care and prudence on these points.

Brother Broughton made an earnest and homely talk on the subject.

Elder W. B. Harrell explained his method of conducting the School in Baptist Church in Smithfield, without classes, without question-books, with only the Bible and the song-book, and told how the prejudices of opposers had been over come. The Association then took recess for one hour.

1½ O'clock, P. M.

Association assembled at singing hymn.

B. W. Justice addressed the body in reference to plans, purposes, and work of the Baptist Sunday School Association of N. C., and gave some statistics of this year's labors and results. Elder Pritchard followed and explained the need of funds to carry forward this work. The report was then adopted.

On motion of Elder Pritchard, the Association determined to limit speeches to 10 minutes for the remainder of the session.

Elder T. H. Pritchard read the report on Education, as follows:

In view of the great importance of this subject to the best interests of our Zion, the Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following series of resolutions:

Resolved, That since it is essential to the maintenance and propagation of those principles which distinguish us from all other professing Christians, that we should educate our own children, we learn with much satisfaction that our College at Wake Forest is in successful operation.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the entire denomination, in the whole State, should rally to the support of this honored institution - that we should all give our prayers, our patronage, and our money for its success and prosperity.

Resolved, That one great and imperative want of the Churches is more ministers and better ministers.

Resolved, That while we fully recognize the fact that God must call men to preach the Gospel, and that genuine godliness is the indispensable qualification for a Gospel minister, and while we acknowledge the fact with gratitude that many uneducated ministers have been the honored instruments of accomplishing great good in the cause of the Redeemer, we nevertheless regard a liberal mental culture as not only desirable, but indeed as essential to the highest efficiency in the Gospel ministry in this age of progress and general diffusion of knowledge.

Resolved, That we will pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers, and qualify them to be better laborers in his harvest.

Resolved, That we learn with much gratitude that there are some twenty young men at our College, seeking to prepare themselves to preach the Gospel, among them are some 12 or 13 beneficiaries.

Resolved, That as the representatives of the Churches of this Association, we will endeavor to secure a contribution either of money or provisions for the support of these twenty young ministers during the next year.

T. H. PRITCHARD, CHAIRMAN.

Elder Pritchard spoke of the want of educated ministers in N. C., Elder Walters stated the wants and indebtedness of the Board, the necessity of turning away many young brethren who earnestly desire to study to prepare for the ministry, for want of funds to sustain them, and appealed urgently for aid.

Pledges were given for the support of three young men, and cash to the amount of $35 00 contributed.

The report was adopted.

Report on Periodicals was read by Elder A. F. Purefoy, as follows:

We are pleased to learn that the *Biblical Recorder*, our State organ, as reported last year, is still in a flourishing condition, and the list of subscribers still increasing. It is read with great interest in different parts of our own and other States, and must have a great influence over that portion of our denomination who take and read it.

We would earnestly recommend it to every family and especially to Baptists, who cannot know the vast amount of information it contains, from any other source.

We would also recommend *Kind Words*, the Sunday School organ of the Southern Baptist Convention, the *Child's Delight*, *Sunday School Banner*, and *Home and Foreign Journal*, as sources of most desirable knowledge.

A. F. PUREFOY, CHAIRMAN.

Elder W, Royall regrets that the patronage given the *Recorder* is so limited. Elder Wingate urges all to subscribe for it. Elder Pritchard acts as agent for the paper and gets up club of nearly a dozen. The report was adopted.

B. W. Justice presented a resolution to appoint a general Superintendent of Sunday Schools in our Association, in place of the former Sunday School Committee, to organize Schools, in destitute places, visit the Schools, have general oversight of the work, and make report to the annual sessions of this body. Resolution was adopted and Elder A. F. Purefoy elected to the office created therein.

Brother J. R. Harrison presented a report on Temperance, as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that they have had the subject under serious consideration, and that it is one of great importance to all considerate and thinking individuals.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Churches within its bounds the disuse of ardent spirits in all, but more especially the young, whose habits and characters are not yet formed, that they taste not, touch not, nor have anything to do with ardent spirits; the only safe course for any.

J. R. HARRISON, CHAIRMAN.

Brother Harrison gave statistics of the amount of ardent spirits annually used, the cost of same in money, charitable and penal institutions, taxes, criminal prosecutions, &c., and alluded

to the general prevalence of the habitual use of intoxicating drinks. The report was adopted. On motion, a Committee consisting of Elders Brooks and W. B. Royall, and Prof. J. C. Scarboro', was appointed to arrange times and places for Ministers and Deacon's Meetings during the year and report to the next of these Meetings at Forestville.

Moderator appointed Correspondents to sister Association as follows:

Raleigh.—Elder Pritchard and brethren Justice and Harrison.

Tar River.—Elder W. Royall and brother J. H. Mills.

Flat River.—Elders Walters and Atkinson, and W. S. Thompson.

Beulah.—Elders Wingate and Walters, and B. W. Justice.

Eastern.—Elders Carroll, W. Royall, and W. T. Walters.

Chowan.—Elders Wingate and Brooks, and B. W. Justice.

A resolution of thanks to brethren of this Church and citizens of vicinity, for generous hospitality, was unanimously passed.

The Secretary was directed to have 500 copies of minutes printed and distributed in accordance with former instructions, and was allowed ten dollars as compensation for his services.

Adjourned after prayer and benediction by Elder W. T. Brooks.

SUNDAY, Oct. 10, 1869, 9½ O'clock, P. M.

A Sunday School mass-meeting was held at this hour: addresses were delivered by brethren W. H. Pace, C. Durham, W. H. Avera, B. W. Justice, and J. R. Harrison, the last of whom was introduced to the audience as perhaps the oldest Sunday School worker in the State, having been engaged in a School 54 years ago.

At 11 o'clock the annual Missionary sermon was preached to a crowded house, by Elder T. H. Pritchard of Raleigh, from Matthew 5: 13—"Ye are the salt of the earth."

After sermon, a collection, $26 50, was taken up.

Intermission for refreshments.

At 2 o'clock, P. M, Elder W. T. Brooks preached from Ro-

mans 1 : 16—" For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

The parting hymn—" Hail sweetest, dearest tie that binds,'' &c., was sung, and the benediction pronounced.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

B. W. JUSTICE, Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem*, shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discuss on.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a re-consideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it—each Church being entitled to five delegates.—Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex officio.*

ARTICLE IV. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the Church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer; which shall be chosen annually, by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office untill their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ARTICLE VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the Churches or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ARTICLE IX. The Asssociation may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members which shall have the Superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ARTICLE X. Any Church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ARTICLE XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ARTICLE XIII. The annual sessions of this body shall commence on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, at such place as the Association may select.

ARTICLE XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session, an Introductory Sermon, and a Missionary Sermon.

ARTICLE XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	R. by let	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields,	Elder W. A. Barrett,	N. E. Cannady,	Brookville,	5	4	1	....	2	2	....	...	97
Flat Rock,	" Wm. Royall,	J. K. Purefoy,	Pacific,	..	8	..	6	5	1	220	124	344
Forestville,	" W. T. Brooks,	Jno R. Dunn,	Forestville,	..	..	..	2	..	..	....	....	52
Franklinton,	" W. M. Wingate,	A. D. Ellis,	Franklinton,	1	..	..	....	1	1	....	....	32
Mt. Vernon,	" W. T. Brooks,	J. D. Allen,	Forestville,	5	3	2	....	3	..	....	...	198
New Bethel,	" A. D. Blackwood,	W. S. Thompson,	Dayton,	..	1	..	....	12	..	221	27	248
New Hope,	" A. F. Purefoy,	R. D. Weathers,	Raleigh,	1	..	..	2	..	5	83	75	158
Perry's Chapel,	" W. A. Barrett,	J. P. Griffin,	Franklinton,	..	2	..	12	1	2	....	....	77
Raleigh,	" T. H. Pritchard,	Jno. T. Womble,	Raleigh,	37	14	2	12	2	2	....	....	262
Rolesville,	" Wm. Royall,	Redding Jones,	Rolesville,	..	1	..	....	6	3	202	47	249
Wake Cross Roads,	" A. F. Purefoy,	C. W. Scarboro',	Eagle Rock,	..	..	..	....	8	1	....	....	226
Wake Forest,	" W. M. Wingate,	C. Durham,	Forestville,	.	6	1	8	1	..	66	....	66
Wake Union,	" Wm. Royall,	Jas. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	1	..	..	....	1	..	....	....	135
Woodland,	" A. F. Purefoy,	J. H. Lowry,	Forestville,	7	..	..	1	1	1	....	...	66
			Totals,	57	39	6	88	43	18	792	273	2219

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

New Bethel, Wake Co., N. C.,

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Elder W. A. Atkinson,
" W. T. Brooks, D. D.,
" J. S. Purefoy,
" A. F. Purefoy,
" E. A. Taylor,
Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D.,
" Wm. Royall, D. D.,
" Wm. B. Royall,
" W. T. Walters, D. D.,
" W. M. Wingate, D. D.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEW BETHEL CHURCH, WAKE CO.,
TUESDAY, *September 19th*, 1871.

The Association convened at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. D. Hufham. Text 2d Corinthians VIII: 9th—"That ye, through his poverty might be rich."

INTERMISSION.

The Association was called to order, by the former moderator, Bro. N. E. Cannady. Prayer by Eld. A. D. Blackwood.

The former clerk being absent, P. F. Pescud was elected clerk *pro tem.*

List of churches called, letters read, delegates enrolled, and officers elected, to-wit:

Moderator—N. E. Cannady; *Clerk*—F. M. Purefoy, and *Treasurer*—George B. Allen.

Corresponding messengers were called for, whereupon, Elder A. D. Blackwood, Brethren W. D. Carlton, A. M. Adams and W. King, responded from the Raleigh Association.

Committees were then appointed as follows:

On Religious Exercises—The pastor and Deacons of New Bethel Church.

On Finance—G. B. Allen, W. J. Peace and B. B. Buffaloe.

On State Missions—Rev. J. D. Hufham.

On Education—T. H. Pritchard, D. D.

On Sunday Schools—W. O. Allen.

On Foreign Missions—J. H. Mills.
On Periodicals—G. W. Thompson.
On Temperance—P. F. Pescud.
On place of next meeting—John Armstrong.
On preachers for next session—G. W. Thompson.

Bro. Geo. W. Thompson offered the following resolution:

That a committee of seven be appointed, to consider; and report on the propriety of dissolving this Association, which was adopted, and the committee appointed as follows: G. W. Thompson, T. H. Pritchard, D. D., J. D. Allen, S. T. Arnold, J. H. Mills, W. J. Peace. G. B. Allen.

Adjourned, prayer by Rev. W. A. Atkinson.

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1871, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association called to order by the moderator.

Proceedings read and approved.

Churches not represented called.

Wake X Roads answered by letter, Forestville and Franklinton by letter and delegates.

Corresponding messengers from sister associations were called—J. N. Cheek, of Mt. Zion, responded; also, Rev. J. P. Montague and Solomon Wiggins from the Raleigh.

T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Corresponding Messenger to the Raleigh Association, gave an interesting account of the proceedings of the last meeting of that body, also of the Flat River.

J. H. Mills reported, as corresponding messenger to the Beulah Association:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of dissolving this Association, submitted through their chairman, G. W. Thompson, the following report:

That the subject be referred to the next session of this Association for further consideration. The report was received and a motion made for its adoption. Thereupon a lengthy debate ensued participated in by Bro. J. H. Mills, T. H. Pritchard, D. D., Rev. J. D. Hufham, W. T. Brooks, D D., W. T. Walters, D. D., and Bro. G. W. Thompson. The motion was decided in the negative by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

Bro. W. O. Allen, Chairman, read the following report:

The prophet Jeremiah tells us, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Your committee is gratified to announce, that some of the churches comprising this Association evince their appreciation of the prophet's position, by their untiring devotion to the institution of Sunday Schools. There are brethren, and sisters in some of our churches, who seem fully alive to the fact, that the Sunday School is the nursery of the Church; that it is the forge, in which instruments are prepared, which must govern our churches and evangelize the world. But, while we are permitted to make so pleasing a statement of the operations of some of our churches, in this department of Christian labor, it is our painful duty to report, that there are a few churches in the body, which are viewing the matter with entire indifference. They seem to have forgotten that youth is the most opportune period for making lasting impressions for good. How painful the thought, that our brethren should neglect to train their precious souls for Jesus, while their minds are plastic and flexible—while they are more susceptible of good impressions than at any other period and before they reach the crisis in life.

On motion, the report was adopted after remarks by T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and Rev. J. P. Montague.

COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

Rev. J. D. Hufham, Chairman, submitted the following:

There is an extensive, and inviting mission-field within the limits of our own State. In some sections there are neither Baptist churches, nor Baptist preachers. It is our duty to preach the gospel in its purity to every creature, and we ought by *all* means to send preachers into these destitute sections. In other places there are Baptists without organization or concert of action. These should be gathered into churches. In many places of growing importance there are little bands of Baptists, struggling to build houses of worship *and* to maintain the services of the sanctuary. These should be aided by their brethren who live in more favored regions.

Our Convention is earnestly striving to carry on this work of home evangelization. During the present year they have had nine missionaries in the field. There are now seven. Others would be appointed if there were means to sustain them. The churches and pastors should extend to the Convention hearty sympathy, and liberal, active co-operation in this work. It might be well for the churches of this Association to become responsible for the support of at least one missionary in some of the destitute portions of our own State.

Pending the motion for adoption. Rev. J. D. Hufham and T. H. Pritchard, D. D., addressed the Association, and

a collection was taken up, amounting to seventy dollars and fifty cents. Motion carried.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Committee on Temperance, P. F. Pescud, Chairman, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance have had the same under consideration, but being without any statistical information as to the progress which has been made by the special friends of Temperance, they are not able to report any facts, which would stimulate its advocates in this body to renewed activity. Your committee do not feel at liberty to consume the time of the Association in discussing the baneful effects of intemperance upon society at large. The incalculable loss of time, money, and divine progress entailed thereby, upon some who are in fellowship with the churches, comprising this Association, and while they are opposed to any special legislation, we recommend that all our churches do ex-communicate all members who are known to indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors to such a degree as to destroy their Christian influence, and disqualify them for active work in the vineyard of the Lord.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned, prayer by Dr. Walters.

THURSDAY, *September* 21*st*, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association called to order by the moderator. Opening exercises by W. T. Brooks, D. D.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee on Education, through their Chairman, T. H. Pritchard, D. D., read the following report:

Next to the Christian Religion, a good, sound, liberal education is the best attainment we can desire for our children. Such an education will refine their tastes, enlarge their views, increase their enjoyment, elevate them in the scale of being, and greatly enhance their influence as members of society. Experience has taught the world, however, that education may prove a bane rather than a blessing to society, unless it be under the control of religious principle. As a religious people the Baptists are peculiar. The principles which distinguish them, place them in

antagonism with all other denominations, and they cannot afford to allow other churches to educate their children. We must have our own schools, and we should seek to sustain them by giving them our influence and patronage. We may patronize the schools of other denominations, but we may rely upon it, that they will not imitate our folly in that regard. We are gratified to be able to state that there is no necessity for sending our children to the schools of other churches since in Wake Forest College, and the Raleigh Female Seminary we have institutions, that will compare favorably with any in the State, and we are happy to report that both these institutions of learning are in a prosperous condition. Wake Forest College has been a great blessing to our churches; some sixty or seventy ministers have been educated there, many of whom have proven our most useful pastors, and we deem it our duty to urge the churches to labor and pray for the prosperity of the College, and especially to pray that it may please the Lord of the harvest to call, and qualify many more laborers to go forth and labor in his vineyard.

Pending the motion, remarks were made by Dr. Pritchard, Dr. Walters, Rev. J. P. Montague, Rev. J. D. Hufham. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Committee on Periodicals, G. W. Thompson, Chairman, reported as follows.

The limited time allowed us to bestow a passing thought on the important subject of religious periodicals, has brought us to this conclusion.

We regard a well conducted religious newspaper, a great blessing to the Church, as well as to individuals. Its communications are often rich with interests, and entertainments to its readers, and furnish food to the enquiring mind. The subjects on which they treat are diversified and more or less involve our present enjoyments, and hope of future bliss. They improve us and they comfort us, in a word, they are wise monitors in regulating the lives of Christians, and leading them in the paths of peace and righteousness. Very often they serve as valuable auxiliaries in aiding us to rightly comprehend, and appreciate the holy teaching of God's word, to see, to admire the excellencies of the doctrine of the Cross and its happy adaptation to the condition of fallen man. The considerations, with many others of like importance strongly induce us seriously to recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, published in the city of Raleigh; *Home and Foreign Journal*, in Richmond, Va.; *Child's Delight*, or *Kind Words*, in Memphis, Tenn., to the favor of the reading public, and to the Baptist community generally, and wish it understood that we hereby disclaim any intention to detract from any other religious periodical whatever; whose object it is to disseminate useful and religious information.

After remarks by T. H. Pritchard, D. D., W. T. Walters, D. D., Rev. J. D. Hufham and Rev. A. F. Purefoy, the report was adopted.

Moved by Dr. Brooks that our next session be held, beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in October. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ON PLACE FOR NEXT SESSION.

Committee on place for next session of this body report that it be held with the Baptist Church at Rolesville. John Armstrong, Chairman. Adopted on motion.

On motion, at 11½ o'clock, the Association called off to hear the missionary sermon, which was preached by T. H. Pritchard, D. D., from St. Luke XXIV: 26, 27. After the sermon a collection was taken up, amounting to eighteen dollars and ten cents.

RECESS FOR DINNER.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1½ P. M.

Moderator in the Chair.

Finance Committee, composed of G. B. Allen, B. B. Buffaloe and W. J. Peace, reported, and on motion, the report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the surplus funds in the hands of the Treasurer, after paying the usual annual expenses, be equally divided between the benevolent objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Preachers for next session of this body reported for the Introductory Sermon—W. T. Brooks, D. D.; alternate, Rev. A. F. Purefoy; Missionary Sermon, W. T. Walters, D. D.; alternate, W. M. Wingate, D. D.

Corresponding messengers were then appointed to sister Associations:

To the Raleigh—T. H. Pritchard, D. D., J. H. Mills, and B. B. Buffaloe.

To the Eastern—J. H. Mills, T. H. Pritchard, D. D., and W. T. Walters, D. D.

To the Flat River—Rev. W. A. Atkinson, W. Peed, and N. E. Cannady.

To the Mt. Zion—Rev. J. D. Hufham, G. W. Thompson, and N. E. Cannady.

To the Chowan—J. H. Mills, T. H. Pritchard, D. D., W. M. Wingate, D. D., and Rev. J. D. Hufham.

To the Tar River—W. O. Allen, G. B. Allen, and L. W. Dent.

A resolution was then offered and adopted, requesting the Church with which the Association meets next year, to prepare a stand for preaching.

Moved and carried that the Clerk have five hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed, and that he be allowed the usual fee of ten dollars.

On motion, delegates to the next session of the Baptist State Convention were appointed as follows:

F. M. Purefoy, W. O. Allen, Rev. A. F. Purefoy, B. B. Buffaloe, W. J. Peace, W. T. Walters, D. D., W. M. Wingate, D. D., Rev J. S. Purefoy, Rev. W. B. Royall, and Wm. Royall, D. D.

On motion, any member of this body present at the Convention is requested to represent this Association.

Moved and carried that the Secretary of the Union meeting be requested to select time of next meeting, and to send the same to *Biblical Recorder* for publication.

By an unanimous vote a resolution of thanks was tendered to the Church members of New Bethel and citizens of the community for kind hospitalities.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Parting address by Moderator, N. E. Cannady, in which he alluded tenderly to our deceased brethren, Isaac Winston and Wilson H. Williamson.

Closing exercises by Rev. J. D. Hufham.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Funds reported in the Church Letters including the Report of the Financial Committee.

CHURCHES.	Sunday Schools.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	General Benevolence.	Incidental Expenses.	Church Buildings.	Association Fund.	Greenville Theological Seminary.	Extras.
Brassfields,		100 00	3 30	4 70	9 10				3 00		
Greenwood,		18 00							1 00		
Flat Rock,									5 75		
Forestville,	12 50	200 00	35 86		12 50		20 00		2 50	12 50	
Franklinton,		200 00	4 00	6 50	15 00				1 47		
Mt. Vernon,		200 00	10 28	4 19	22 18		4 53		3 30		
New Bethel,									3 00		
New Hope,	6 00	100 00	13 00	15 20	13 30				3 15		
Perry's Chapel,											
Raleigh,	409 00	2,000 00	200 00	250 00	350 00		500 00	500 00	5 00	100 00	1,520 00
Rolesville,									5 00		
Wake X Roads,	2 00		4 00	5 00	2 50				2 00		
Wake Forest,	32 00		89 75	56 91	56 50		28 85		2 50		
Wake Union,		130 00			18 00	10 00			2 50		
Woodland,		30 00					2 50		2 00		

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total.
Brassfields,	*S. E. Dement, *L. B. Allen, W. J. Peace, T. A. Allen, N. E. Cannady,	....	....	3	....	....	....	92	.....	92
Greenwood,	J. D. Davis,	5	....	....	1	3	....	41	6	47
Flat Rock,	*A. S. Gill, *W. P. Morris, F. Freeman, T. Alford, *R. H. Timberlake,	61	9	10	....	....	5	259	168	429
Forestville,	*S. H. Dunn, *J. H. Riggan, M. E. Carver, John Dunn, *Walter Wyatt,	....	....	7	...	1	....	56	1	57
Franklinton,	*J. Y. McGhee, L. W. Dent, *F. H. Griffin, *B. H. Winston, *C. S. Williams,	4	8	....	....	....	4	47	.....	47
Mt. Vernon,	*W. G. Allen, A. Y. Baily, R. D. Hunnicutt, S. D. Baily, J. D. Allen,	...	1	...	...	2	..	111	.....	111
New Bethel,	G. W. Thompson, D. Peed, B. Ray, W. H. Jones, W. Oneals,	....	3	3	1	2	2	205	30	235
New Hope,	B. B. Buffaloe, R. J. Buffaloe, S. H. White, *R. J. Joy, *R. Trawick,	5	4	33	1	...	2	114	45	195
Perry's Chapel,	Not Represented,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard, John Armstrong, P. F. Pescud, *J. D. Nunn, J. H. Mills,	72	40	7	2	6	2	368	.....	368
Rolesville,	W. R. Stell, S. T. Arnold,	...	...	8	....	2	....	200	30	230
Wake X Roads,	*E. R. Pace, *J. W. Peebles, *W. H. Pace, J. N. Watkins, H. H. Stell,	15	....	3	..	....	....	182	8	190
Wake Forest,	*J. M. Brewer, *J. D. Kelly, W. O. Allen, *H. Raybon, *A. R. Jones,	9	3	15	....	...	1	72	.....	72
Wake Union,	G. B. Allen, *N. Bolton, R. M. Griffin, *Jesse Holden, *George Davis,	...	1	10	....	....	1	78	40	118
Woodland,	*B. H. Davis, *John Little, J. N. Lowry, *Green Bridgers,	3	....	....	....	....	..	71	2	73

*Absent.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

OF PASTORS, CLERKS, THEIR POST OFFICES AND TIME OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE OF PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE OF CLERKS.	TIME OF MEETING.
Brassfields,	J. S. Purefoy,	Forestville,	N. E. Cannady,	Wilton,	Third Sabbath and Saturday before.
Greenwood,	A. F. Purefoy,	"	A. L. Davis,	Forestville,	First Sabbath.
Flat Rock,	W. A. Barrett,	Franklinton,	J. K. Purefoy,	Pacific,	Second Sabbath and Saturday before.
Forestville,	W. T. Brooks,	Forestville,	D. R. Riggan,	Forestville.	" " " " "
Franklinton,	W. M. Wingate,	"	A. D. Ellis,	Franklinton,	" " " " "
Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	"	J. D. Allen,	Forestville,	Third " " " "
New Bethel,	A. D. Blackwood,	.....	W. S. Thompson,	Dayton,	Fourth " " " "
New Hope,	A. F. Purefoy,	Forestville,	R. D. Weathers,	Raleigh,	Second " " " "
Perry's Chapel,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard,	Raleigh,	John D. Womble,	Raleigh,	.....
Rolesville,	E. A. Taylor,	Forestville,	R. Jones.	Rolesville,	Third Sabbath and Saturday before.
Wake X Roads,	A. T. Purefoy,	"	W. H. Pace,	Raleigh,	Fourth " " " "
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate,	"	W. H. O. McDowel,	Forestville,	.....
Wake Union,	J. S. Purefoy,	"	J. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	First Sabbath and Saturday before.
Woodland,	W. A. Atkinson,	"	B. H. Davis,	Forestville,	" " " " "

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SCHOOLS.	OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND PUPILS.			
Brassfields,				Superintendent,	
Greenwood,	1		70	"	
Flat Rock,	2	No Statistics,		"	
Forestville,	1		50	"	F. M. Purefoy.
Franklinton,	1		26	"	W. H. Mitchell.
Mt. Vernon.	2	Total in both Schools,	147	"	J. D. Allen.
New Bethel,	2	" " " "	140	"	
New Hope,	1		51	"	B. B. Buffaloe.
Perry's Chapel,		Not Rrepresented,		"	
Raleigh,	1		415	"	
Rolesville,	1		78	"	Reddin Jones.
Wake X Roads,	2	No Statistics given,		"	
Wake Forest,	1		100	"	W. B. Royall.
Wake Union,				"	
Woodland,				"	

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until the successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.*, shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member, wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a re-consideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ARTICLE III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each Church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex-officio*.

ARTICLE IV. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the Church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually, by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ARTICLE VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ARTICLE IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members which shall have the Superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under

their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

Article X. Any Church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Article XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

Article XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Article XIII. The annual sessions of this body shall commence on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, at such place as the Association may select.

Article XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session, an Introductory Sermon, and a Missionary Sermon.

Article XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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" E. A. TAYLOR,
" T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.,
" WM. ROYAL, D. D.,
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" W. T. WALTERS, D. D.,
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PROCEEDINGS.

ROLESVILLE CHURCH, WAKE CO.,
Thursday, October 10th, 1872.

The Association convened at 11 o'clock, A. M. Introductory Sermon by Dr. W. T. Brooks. Text, 2d Acts, 47th v.: "Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

INTERMISSION.

The Association was called to order by Bro. Geo. B. Allen, Moderator, *pro tem.* Prayer by Elder Jas. S. Purefoy.

The former Clerk being absent, Bro. Wm. B. Dunn, Jr., was elected Clerk, *pro tem.*

List of Churches called, letters read, delegates enrolled, and officers elected to-wit:

Moderator—Geo. B. Allen.

Clerk and Treasurer—Wm. B. Dunn, Jr.

Corresponding Messengers were called for, whereupon Bro. W. H. Horton, of Mt. Zion, responded.

Committees were then appointed, as follows:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Rolesville Church.

On Finance—S. H. Cannady, S. H. Dunn, B. H. Davis.

On State Missions—Dr. Pritchard, W. O. Allen.

On Education—Dr. Brooks, F. L. Underwood, A. Jones.

On Sunday Schools—W. B. Royal, N. B. Cannady, A. F. Purefoy.

On Foreign Missions—Dr. Wingate, C. E. Taylor, S. R. Mills.

On Periodicals—Dr. Walters, Elder J. S. Purefoy, Joseph Fowler.

On Place of Meeting—J. C. Lee, S. White, W. W. Weathers.

On Preachers for next Association—A. R. Vann, W. B. Dunn, W. B. Smith.

On motion, the Association will meet at 9 o'clock, A. M.; intermission at 12½ o'clock; meet at 1½ o'clock; adjourn at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned. Prayer by Dr. W. T. Brooks.

October 11th—9 O'clock, A. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Proceedings read and approved.

Churches not represented called.

New Hope, Raleigh and Franklinton answered by letter and delegates.

Bro. Daniel Scarborough was recognized as a Corresponding Messenger from the Raleigh Association.

Elder Jas. S. Purefoy, Corresponding Messenger to the Flat River Association, W. M. Wingate, D. D., and Bro. B. B. Buffaloe, to the Raleigh, all gave interesting accounts of the last meeting of those bodies.

W. T. Walters, D. D. Chairman, made the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would cordially commend to the hearty support of this Association the *Biblical Recorder*, our State organ, and also *Kind Words*, published by the S. B. Convention, and likewise the *Home and Foreign Journal*, the organ of the Mission Board of the S. B. Convention. These publications eminently deserve the patronage of the Baptists of the State.

After remarks by Dr. Walters, report adopted.

Dr. Walters, W. O. Allen and A. L. Davis were appointed to receive subscriptions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received of former Clerk,		$ 13 52
To amount received of Finance Committee,		42 18
Total receipts,		$ 55 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid for printing minutes,	$ 25 00	
Clerk's Fee,	10 00	
Amount paid W. B. Royal, Treasurer of Board of Education,	6 90	
Amount paid J. G. Williams, Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions,	6 90	
Amount paid J. G. Williams, Treasurer of Board of State Missions,	6 90	
		$ 55 70

GEO. B. ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

Recess and dinner.

EVENING SESSION—1½ P. M.

Moderator Allen called the Association to order.

Dr. Wingate, S. H. Cannady and W. B. Royal were appointed a Special Committee to consider that portion of the letter from Raleigh Church relating to intemperance and the sale of liquors.

Moved, by Dr. Brooks, that this Association appoint an Evangelist, whose especial duty it shall be to preach within the bounds of the Association, to aid pastors in holding protracted meetings, to establish Sabbath Schools, and to promote the benevolent enterprises of the Churches generally.

After much discussion, the resolution was adopted.

The report on State Mission was made the special order for Saturday at 10½ A. M.

Drs. Pritchard, Brooks and S. H. Dunn were appointed to recommend an Evangelist.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting with the Church in Raleigh, Elder Jas. S. Purefoy to preach the Introductory Sermon, W. B. Royal, alternate. Dr. W. M. Wingate to preach the Missionary Sermon, Dr. W. T. Walters, alternate.

The committee on the Evangelist reported, and the report was discussed by Brethren Pritchard, Walters, Brooks, Buffalo, Purefoy, Smith, Davis, Broughton, Crenshaw and White, and then laid on the table till Saturday.

The Committee on Education, through their Chairman, W. T. Brooks, D. D., made the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee would beg leave to refer, briefly, to the facilities afforded by the Baptist denomination for education, and also to the progress made in that direction.

Allow us, in the first place, to call attention to Wake Forest College, as affording facilities for a first class education. It has been in successful operation for about thirty-eight years, and has contributed, more than any other means, to the elevation and success of the Baptists in North Carolina. Before the establishment of our Institution we had only a very few educated ministers in the Baptist Ranks, and they were not natives of North Carolina. It may not be uninteresting to this Association, to know that Wake Forest College has educated up to this time, between 75 and 100 ministers.

And it gives us pleasure to say that a large proportion of the above number are occupying prominent positions in this and other States, as ministers of the gospel, Professors in Colleges, and teachers in High Schools. In view, then, of the good already accomplished, surely the College merits and ought to receive the hearty support of every Baptist in the State. The Board of Education has under its direction twelve beneficiaries, who are prosecuting their studies with a view to the ministry.

Elder John Mitchell is agent for the College, and has met with fair success, all the circumstances considered. Your committee would bespeak for him a favorable response from all the churches. The endowment of the College is indispensable to its permanent prosperity and success. We consider this as the great central or foundation work, at this time claiming the attention of our denomination in the State.

We would also bring to your notice the facilities now afforded for female education. We would mention, as deserving our patronage, the Chowan Female In-

stitute at Murfreesboro', presided over by Dr. A. McDowell: the Louisburg Female College, under the control of Dr. W. Royal, and the Raleigh Female Seminary, of which Prof. F. P. Hobgood is Principal. The last named School we would especially recommend to the consideration of this Association, as it is located within its bounds.

After remarks by Drs. Pritchard, Wingate, Brooks, Walters, Crenshaw and J. S. Purefoy, the report was adopted.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, October 12th—9 O'clock, A. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer, Dr. Pritchard leading.

Dr. Wingate offered the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter and recommendation of the Raleigh Church, in regard to the sale of liquor, beg leave to submit: That the making or selling of ardent spirits, except for strictly medical purposes, is a great evil, and can be attended only by hurtful consequences to society. Therefore, this Association would advise the churches composing this body to maintain a firm discipline in regard to it, and after faithful admonitions, to exclude from their fellowship those who may persist in it.

The report was discussed and adopted.

Dr. Pritchard, Chairman, submitted the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board of State Missions has had under its immediate control during the past year, twenty-one missionaries, who have labored in the Chowan, Pamlico, Tar River, Raleigh, Beulah, Liberty, Yadkin, Brushy Mountain, Catawba and King's Mountain Associations.

These missionaries have preached regularly or occasionally at Elizabeth City, Plymouth, Jamesville, Williamston, Tarboro', Weldon, Boon Hill, Littleton, Company Shops, Greensboro', Winston, Salisbury, Statesville, Morganton, and in many country neighborhoods. Besides these Missionaries, the Cape Fear Association, which is in active co-operation with the Convention, has raised some

eighteen hundred dollars, which has been expended in employing ten or twelve laborers in the Southern part of the State.

The Eastern Association has also expended a thousand dollars in Home Mission work.

Nearly every Association in the State, east of the Blue Ridge, is now co-operating with the Convention, and it is earnestly hoped that a much larger and more effective work may be done in this department of Christian effort, by a more thorough organization of the churches. It is the first time we have had so large a force in the field since the war.

The result of the labors of these missionaries has been gratifying so far as reported, though we are not familiar with the amount of work accomplished in the Eastern and Cape Fear Associations. Churches have been organized in Selma, Iron Station, Winston, in the Beulah Association, and other places which are not now remembered.

A new and very handsome church has been nearly completed in Greensboro'. At Weldon and Littleton houses of worship are in process of construction, while efforts are being made to build in Lincolnton, Morganton, Marion, Mocksville and Selma.

Several hundred persons have been baptized, and we feel that for such gracious and abundant success we should be truly thankful to God. It is the earnest desire of the Board to close the year free of debt, but we shall be unable to do this unless liberal contributions are received from the churches at an early day. We earnestly request every pastor of this Association to bring the wants of the Roard before the churches, and to forward whatever may be contributed to this object to Bro. Jno. G. Williams, the Treasurer, at Raleigh, N. C.

Pending the motion for adoption, Dr. Pritchard addressed the Association, and a collection was taken up, amounting, in cash and pledges, to one hundred and thirteen dollars and five cents. Motion carried.

Dr. Pritchard offered the following:

Whereas, The Baptist State Convention, at its last session, held in Charlotte, appointed a Committee on Church Extension, to be located in Wilmington; and whereas, this Committee has devised a plan which has been published and which commends itself as eminently wise and practical; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the churches of this Association to organize their membership in societies auxiliary to the Baptist Church Extension Society of the State.

After remarks by J. H. Mills and Dr. Pritchard, the resolution was adopted.

Elder Richardson put a plea for Greensboro', and received thirty dollars and fifty-five cents.

Recess and dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1½ O'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, through their Chairman, Dr. Wingate, made the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This subject, though referred every year to committees, still requires, on account of its great importance, our sincere and earnest attention. Our Foreign Missionary enterprise is yet in its infancy. Christians are only beginning to look abroad upon the world as their field. We have yet many things to learn as to the nature and difficulties of the field, but much more is to be learned as to the character of the self denials and the systematic efforts necessary to accomplish so great a work. Your committee recommend that the churches make monthly contributions to this and kindred objects, when they meet once a month, and weekly contributions when they meet once a week. That more earnest prayer be offered to the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into the harvest. The harvest is great, the laborers are few.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Dr. Wingate, J. H. Mills and Dr. Brooks.

The report on the Evangelist was again discussed by Dr. Brooks, A. L. Davis, J. H. Mills, Dr. Pritchard and John Broughton, and indefinitely postponed.

W. B. Royal, Chairman of Committee, read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

By a comparison of last year's Sunday School Statistics with those furnished at our present session, it will be observed that the falling off in the aggregate attendance of teachers and scholars has been considerable. We hope this does not indicate an abatement of interest in the work, on the part of friends of the cause in our Association.

We are glad to notice in several of the reports special allusion to the existence of Bible classes, which, it is presumed, are for the benefit principally of adults, a feature which cannot be too highly commended. The Sunday School work has

taken, within the past few years. a somewhat new departure in this particular, and one which we would urge upon the attention of the churches. We refer to the establishment of Bible Schools, in which those advanced in years, as well as the young, may find a place. In some of the churches, no schools are reported, and the pretext urged is the want of material. Upon the plan we have mentioned, there need be no longer any difficulty at this point. No church but has material sufficient to organize a respectable school on this basis. A better acquaintance with the teachings of the word of God is what is most to be desired throughout our country, and no agency is so likely to prove effective in the accomplishment of this end as the one suggested.

Brethren of the Association, let us have a little Bible School in every church by the next meeting of our Association.

Adopted without a remark.

The Committee on Finance reported: For Education, $5.25; for State Missions, $7.40; Foreign Missions, $5.75, Rome, $34.75; Yates' Chapel, $9.50.

Elders A. F. Purefoy, W. B. Royal and W. O. Allen, were appointed to make all needed arrangements for the next Union Meeting, and to nominate the delegates to the Convention through the *Recorder*.

Moved that the Clerk have five hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed, and that he be allowed the usual fee of ten dollars.

By unanimous vote, a resolution of thanks was tendered the church members of Rolesville, and citizens of the surrounding country, for their kind hospitalities.

Corresponding Messengers were then appointed to Sister Associations:

To the Raleigh—Jno. Broughton, Dr. Wingate, W. H. Pace, and F. P. Hobgood.

To the Eastern—J. H. Mills and W. M. Wingate, D. D.

To the Flat River– S. H. Cannady, J. H. Mills and Dr. Wingate.

To the Mount Zion—J. J. Brogden, Dr. Brooks, J. H. Mills and Dr. T. H. Pritchard.

To the Chowan—Dr. Wingate, J. H. Mills and Dr. Walters.

To the Tar River—S. H. Dunn, Dr. Wingate. C. Taylor, Dr. Brooks and J. H. Mills.

Adjourned with prayer, Dr. Brooks leading.

On Sunday, Brethren White and W. H. Pace addressed the the Sunday School, and Dr. Wingate preached the Missionary Sermon.

A collection was then made for Foreign Missions.

After recess and dinner, Dr. Brooks preached to the young.

So closed another session of the Central Association.

GEO. B. ALLEN, MODERATOR.

WM. B. DUNN, Jr., *Clerk.*

TABULAR STATEMENT,

OF THE FUNDS REPORTED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Sunday School.	Pastor's Salary.	Pastor's Home.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	General Benevolence.	Incidental Expenses.	Church Buildings.	Association Fund.	Greenville Theological Seminary.	For the Poor.	Aiding Pastors.	Southern Baptist Convention
Brassfields,	.....	$100 00	.....	$14 75	$ 4 75	$ 5 25	.....	.....	35 25	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood,	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Rock,	.....	.....	.....	2 65	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forestville,	.....	200 00	.....	17 50	25 00	.....	.....	.....	49 20	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklinton,	.....	200 00	.....	4 95	21 19	4 95	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon,	$ 9 84	200 00	.....	6 50	50	7 00	.....	4 00	.....	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Perry's Chapel,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh,	215 00	2500 00	$1,000	388 00	102 90	100 00	.....	705 65	575 50	5 00	.....	136 53	.....	250 00
Rolesville,	.....	.....	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wake X Roads,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wake Forest,	.....	.....	.....	132 50	87 13	83 75	.....	56 10	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wake Union,	.....	100 00	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	17 35	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodland,	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Leter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total Membership
Brassfields,	S. H. Cannady, S. E. Dement, L. B. Allen and T. A. Allen,	..	2	2	..	..	3	89	..	89
Greenwood,	B. H. Davis, Willis Smith, T. Lowry, Geo. Kelly, and John Champion,	3	..	..	..	3	..	41	6	47
Flat Rock,	R. J. Conyers, J. R. Jones, J. T. Crocker, A. C. Wall and Perry Wiggins,	23	2	11	..	..	5	435	..	435
Forestville,	S. H. Dunn, A. R. Vann, W. B. Dunn, W. B. Smith and Jos. Vann	..	1	1	..	..	..	58	1	59
Franklinton,	A. D. Ellis, F. H. Griffin, B. H. Winston, J. S. Joyner and L. W. Dent,	..	..	..	..	..	3	47	..	47
Mt. Vernon,	D. D. Gill, J. A. Honeycutt, E. S. Dunn, J. E. Ray and W. L. Terrell,	1	1	..	..	3	1	109	..	109
New Bethel,	S. J. Allen, D. Peed, I. Brogden, W. O'Neal and M. L. Thompson,	..	..	6	..	24	2	203	..	203
New Hope,	B. B. Buffaloe, S. White, R. D. Weathers, R. Trawick, W. G. Riddick, R. J. Buffaloe and F. E. Weathers,	..	..	3	1	1	2	111	43	154
Perry's Chapel,	O. Dicken, W. L. Perry, W. D. Spruell and R. E. Gill,	..	..	4	..	2	2	48	29	77
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard, Jas. McDaniel White, P. F. Pescud, J. H. Mills, J. M. Heck and F. P. Hobgood,	30	11	29	3	9	4	366	..	366
Rolesville,	Jos. Carpenter, Jno. Broughton, Sol. Walker, W. R. Stells and Jos. Fowler,	35	8	5	..	6	6	226	25	251
Wake ✕ Roads,	T. Hagwood, W. Weathers, K Upchurch, E. R. Pace and Wesley Stells,	4	..	5	1	1	2	183	4	187
Wake Forest,	W. O. Allen, C. L. Wilson, N. B. Cannady, J. L. Britt and A. R. Jones,	13	7	5	..	1	..	103	..	103
Wake Union,	G. B. Allen, Jno. Pernell, J. A. Winston, Calvin Mitchel and Silas M. Stone,	..	..	2	..	..	..	78	37	115
Woodland,	B. H. Davis, Willis Smith, T. Lowry, Geo. Kelly and John Champion,	2	2	5	..	5	1	64	1	65

STATISTICAL TABLE,

OF PASTORS, CLERKS, THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF MEETING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE OF PASTORS.	CLERKS	POST OFFICE OF CLERKS.	TIME OF MEETING.
Brassfields,.....	Jas. S. Purefoy,....	Forestville,....	N. E. Cannady,....	Wilton,.....	Third Sabbath and day before.
Greenwood, ...	A. F. Purefoy,.....	"	A. L. Davis,.....	Forestville,.....	First " " "
Flat Rock,.....	W. B. Royal,.....	"	T. J. Crocker,.....	Pacific,.....	Third " " "
Forestville,.....	W. T. Brooks,.....	"	L. Chappell,.....	Forestville,.....	Second " " "
Franklinton,.....	W. M. Wingate,....	"	W. H. Mitchell,....	Franklinton,.....	" " " "
Mt. Vernon,.....	W. T. Brooks,.....	"	John L. Allen,.....	Forestville,.....	Third " " "
New Bethel,.....	W. A. Atkinson,....	"	Sol. J. Allen,.....	Dayton,.....	Fourth " " "
New Hope,.....	A. F. Purefoy,.....	"	R. D. Weathers,....	Raleigh,.....	Second " " "
Perry's Chapel,...	W. J. Fulford,.....	Louisburg,.....	R. E. Gill,.....	Franklinton,.....	" " " "
Raleigh,.....	T. H. Pritchard,....	Raleigh, ...	N. B. Broughton,...	Raleigh, ...	.....
Rolesville,.....	A. F. Purefoy,.....	Forestville,....	R. Jones,.....	Rolesville,.....	Third Sabbath and day before.
Wake ⋈ Roads,..	A. F. Purefoy,.....	"	W. H. Pace,.....	Raleigh, ...	Fourth " " "
Wake Forest,....	W. M. Wingate,....	"	A. R. Jones,.....	Forestville,.....	.....
Wake Union,....	Jas. S. Purefoy,....	"	J. A. Winston,.....	Franklinton,.....	First Sabbath and day before.
Woodland,.....	A. F. Purefoy,.....	"	B. H. Davis,.....	Forestville,.....	" " " "

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Schools.	Pupils.
Brassfields,.....	.....	..	..
Greenwood,.....	James Z. Allen,.....	1	40
Flat Rock,.....	P. M. Harrison,.....	1	79
Forestville,.....	F. M. Purefoy,.....	1	45
Franklinton,.....	W. H. Mitchell,.....	1	30
Mt. Vernon,.....	John D. Allen,.....	1	92
New Bethel,.....	.....	2	75
New Hope,.....	B. B. Buffaloe,.....	1	25
Perry's Chapel,.....	.....	..	..
Raleigh,.....	J. M. Heck,.....	1	313
Rolesville,.....	R. Jones,.....	1	85
Wake ⋈ Roads,.....	.....	..	..
Wake Forest,.....	.....	..	..
Wake Union,.....	.....	..	..
Woodland,.....	.....	..	..

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member, wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association *ex officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually, by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

Art. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

Art. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Art. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, at such place as the Association may select.

Art. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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" W. T. WALTERS, D. D.,
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PROCEEDINGS.

RALEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 9th, 1873, 4 P. M.

There being no quorum present at 10 o'clock A. M., the hour for the meeting of the Association, it met in its Fourteenth Annual Session at 4 P. M., and on motion Bro. N. E. Cannady was elected moderator *pro tem.*

Also, N. B. Broughton was requested to act as Seretary, *pro tem.*

By request of the Moderator, Dr. Brooks, of Wake Forest, took the chair and read the 149th Psalm, and lead in prayer.

After which the Moderator resumed the chair, and the business of the Association was begun by calling the roll of Churches and enrolling the delegates as follows:

Brassfields.—S. H. Cannady and N. E. Cannady.
Greenwood.—A. L. Davis.
Flat Rock.—R. H. Timberlake, Perry Wiggins and J. R. Conyers.
Forestville.—M. E. Carver and A. R. Vann.
Franklinton.—Not represented.
Mt. Vernon.—L. C. Dunn.
New Bethel.—W. H. Jones.
New Hope.—Robt. Trawick, B. B. Buffalo and R. J. Buffalo..
Perry's Chapel.—R. E. Gill.
Raleigh.—T. H. Pritchard, P. F. Pescud, John Armstrong, T. H. Briggs, W. W. Holden and N. B. Broughton.
Rolesville.—J. C. Leigh, John Broughton, Jr., Churchwell Alford, and W. R. Stills.
Wake X Roads.—W. H. Pace.
Wake Forest.—Dr. W. T. Brooks, Dr. W. M. Wingate, W. O. Allen, Dr. W. T. Walters, W. B. Royal and Prof. C. E. Taylor.
Wake Union.—Geo. W. Davis and G. M. Allen.
Woodland.—Willis Smithand T. Lowry.

Rev. J. S. Purefoy and Dr. T. H. Pritchard were enrolled as members *ex officio.*

The election of permanent officers was gone into with the following result:

MODERATOR.—N. E. Cannady.

CLERK.—N. B. Broughton.

Elds. A. D. Blackwood, J. C. Marcom and Bro. J. M. Holleman reported as correspondents from the Raleigh Association.

Rev. Jas. B. Taylor, Jr., reported from Virginia.

The Moderator extended a cordial welcome.

The Moderator appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Raleigh Church as Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion of Elder T. H. Pritchard, the sessions of the Association were fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12½ M.; meet at 3 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

The Moderator appointed Brethren W. W. Holden, J. C. Leigh and S. H. Cannady as Committee on Finance.

State Missions.—Elder W. T. Walters.

Education.—Elder T. H. Pritchard.

Sabbath Schools.—W. H. Pace.

Foreign Missions.—Elder W. T. Brooks.

Periodicals.—Bro. J. H. Mills.

On motion, adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M., at which time the annual sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 10th, 1873.

After spending half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder. J. C. Marcom, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Dr. Pritchard, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, beg leave to report:

That it is a fact greatly to be deplored that our people are grievously neglecting the education of their children. Indeed, illiteracy is on the increase, and there are not quite half as many children at school in the State to-day as there were twelve years ago.

The United States census of 1870 shows that the population of the State is about 1,071,361, of this population there were 397,690 persons who could not read or write, 166,397 whites and 230,000 colored.

There are about 350,000 children in the State, 230,000 of whom are white and 120,000 colored.

In 1870, there were 65,301 white children and 11,418 colored children attending school in the State, while the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shows that last year there were only 50,681 children at school in the State of all classes.

In the year 1860, there were 116,576 at school, more than twice as many white children at school as there were of both white and colored during the year 1872.

These facts your committee regard as sufficient to alarm our entire population, and they ought to stimulate every christian and philanthropist to do all in his power to promote a more lively and general interest on the subject of Education.

While it is a source of serious regret that our public school system is inadequate to meet the wants of our people, we take pleasure in stating that in Wake

Forest College and the Raleigh Female Seminary, we have institutions under the control of the denomination where our children may enjoy excellent scholastic privileges, and we earnestly comend these institutions of learning as worthy of a much more extensive patronage than they now receive.

There are about the usual number of students at Wake Forest College, while the Raleigh Female Seminary reports 105 students during the past year. There are ten beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, supported by the Churches, and the Board of Education, we learn, is obliged to begin the present year with means wholely insufficient to meet the expenses of the session.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD, Chairman.

Remarks on the report were made by Drs. Pritchard, Walters, and Elder J. S. Purefoy, after which it was adopted.

Dr. Brooks submitted the follow report as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary, at this late day in the history of missions, to adduce arguments to prove their utility and importance. If we for a moment consider the condition of the heathen world, either in a spiritual or temporal point of view, we cannot fail to be impressed with the magnitude and importance of the subject. The Gospel is the great reformer of the superstition and cruelties indulged in by the heathen. Without the Gospel the heathen must perish—they are without hope and without God in the world. There is no other name, save that of Jesus, whereby they must be saved. Hence the importance of sending them the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, by which they may be raised from their deep moral degradation and saved from going down into the pit.

The duty devolving upon christians to give the Gospel to the heathen, is plainly set forth in the commission of the Great Head of the Church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. It is greatly to be feared that christians are not generally impressed with the duty so plainly inculcated in God's word.

From all that we have been enabled to gather from the contributions raised from the Churches during the present year, we are pained to say that the interest in the Foreign Mission enterprise has to some extent abated. Brethren, let us renew our efforts in this direction, and endeavor to make up the deficit, by the next session of our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. BROOKS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Elder Jas. S. Purifoy moved to refer the recommendation of the Raleigh Church in regard to the unity of the Central Association with the Raleigh Association, to a committee of three.

Here followed a lengthy discussion, during which the slim attendance at this Association was alluded to and explained, but the general feeling was manifest in opposing the proposition for unification, whereupon,

Dr. Brooks moved to lay the whole matter upon the table, which motion prevailed.

A letter was read from the Raleigh Baptist Sabbath School, and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The report of the Treasurer of the past year, Wm. B. Dunn, Jr., was submitted and referred to the Finance Committee.

His resignation was also accepted.

Perry's chapel, asked for and obtained a letter of dismission from the Association.

The Moderator appointed Brethren Buffalo, Davis and Alford a committee to select a place of meeting of next Association.

To Select Preachers.—Bros. Trawick, Dunn and Conyers.

The election of Treasurer was gone into and resulted in the choice of the Secretary, and thus combining the two offices.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

October 10, 1873.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 3 P. M. by the Moderator.

Dr. Pritchard submitted a verbal report as a visiting delegate to the Raleigh Association. Also to the Mt. Zion Association. As did Dr. Brooks from the same.

Bro. Mills submitted a report from the Chowan.

Dr. Pritchard from the Tar River.

Bro. Mills moved that any brother of this Association, who may be in attendance upon any Association corresponding with this, be requested to represent us.

After some discussion the motion was adopted.

The Committee to select preachers for the next Association reported as follows:

Introductory Sermon.—Dr. W. T. Walters; alternate, Elder Jas. S. Purefoy.
Missionary Sermon.—Dr. T. H. Pritchard; alternate, Rev. W. B. Royal.

The report was adopted.

The Committee appointed, recommended Flat Rock Church as the next place of meeting for the Central Association.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Mills submitted a report as chairman of the Committee on Periodicals, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We respectfully recommend:

1. The *Biblical Recorder*, of Raleigh, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, and their only medium of inter-communication. Price, $2.50 a year.

2. The *Home and Foreign Journal*, of Charlottsville, Va., the organ of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. Price, 50 cents a year.

3. *Kind Words*, of Macon, Ga., an illustrated monthly and weekly paper for children. Price, $1 for the weekly and 25 cents for the monthly.

The Baptists need religious papers more than any other people. Having the Bible as their only written creed, they should have its teachings fully expounded and frequently enforced. As they are more exposed to heresy and delusions than others, so they should be fortified by constant warnings and admonitions. They ought to be diligent students of the Bible, and of all publications which explain its meaning. It is the duty as well as the privilege of every church-member to furnish his own family with religious reading, and to circulate the same among his neighbors. It is a part of the work of pastors to supervise the reading as well as the education of the children, to place denominational papers in all the families of their congregations and to use their unbought influence for the general circulation of religious literature. Thus denominational papers may be independent in their discussions, and rise above the temptations to pursue a timid and timeserving policy. A manly and vigorous press, a consecrated ministry and a laity unseduced by wealth or fashion, could soon send the Gospel to the destitute at home and abroad, and infuse the activity of youth into every religious and educational enterprise.

J. H. MILLS, Chairman.

On motion the report was laid on the table until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Bro. J. N. Cheek, from the Mt. Zion Association, was recognized and welcomed to a seat.

Elder. Jas. S. Purefoy moved that an agent be appointed in each Church represented in the Association, to solicit subscribers for the *Biblical Recorder* and *Kind Words*, and report their success at the next meeting.

The motion was adopted.

The same brother moved to amend the Constitution by saying that when this Association adjourns it does so to meet on Thursday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July.

The motion was adopted.

Bro. J. H. Garvey, from the Brushy Mountain Association, was recognized and welcomed.

On motion adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 11, 1873.

After half an hour spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Dr. Wingate,

The Association convened and was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Periodicals being special order for this hour it was taken up.

Rev. A. F. Redd, the editor of the *Recorder*, and other

brethren submitted a few remarks, after which the report was adopted.

The Finance Committee, through their chairman, Bro. W. W. Holden, submitted their report. (See appendix.)

Elder Walters, as chairman, submitted the report of the Committee on State Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The importance of vigorously prosecuting the work of State Missions can hardly be overrated. Apart from the positive duty enjoined upon us by the word of God to preach the Gospel to every creature, a wise forecast in reference to results plainly indicates the necessity of special attention to the home field. As from this source we are to look for the men and the means to accomplish the work abroad. Dearth in the home field is felt in the foreign fied, and not only so, but the nurturing and cultivating of a proper missionary spirit among the churches is the beginning point of all our benevolent operations.

Hence the gratification which all true lovers of the cause of Christ must feel at the general awakening in reference to the home missions which is now being felt in all parts of the State. It is true that not a tithe of what ought to be done is done, and yet it is a cause of gratitude to God that special interest is now felt throughout the State upon the subject of home missions, and we have only to avail ourselves of the deep feeling already enlisted to gather up the means necessary to accomplish a great work in this direction.

The reports of our Secretary for the past few years have been encouraging, and especially in comparison with former years. Many destitute places are being occupied, and signal blessings from the Lord have rested upon the labors of missionaries.

As an Association we have but few missionary points, but much might perhaps be done even in our own bounds by the appointment of a general missionary or evangelist to visit the more destitute churches, to foster and encourage the Sabbath School enterprise, to supply the people with suitable religious reading, and to aid pastors of churches in revival meetings. We would therefore earnestly call the attention of the Association to the importance of such an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WALTERS, Chairman.

Dr. Pritchard submitted a few remarks, after which the the report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Broooks the clerk was allowed the usual fee, and ordered to have 300 copies of the minutes printed.

Bro. Pace, from the Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We read somewhere in an oriental fable of a loadstone so powerful that it would draw nail after nail from the enemies ships until they fell to pieces. So under God the Sunday School cause may be a powerful magnet which will extract many erroneous views and weaken very much the operations of the arch enemy of truth and righteousness.

Feelings of profound gratitude should be awakened in the hearts of all lovers of truth as it is in Jesus, when we reflect upon the glorious results that have

attended the Sabbath School enterprise, which but a few years ago offered its advantages only to the favor few.

The way to the Pacific, the calm ocean, lies by the stormy cape. If we can weather the cape of danger in the Sabbath School bay the period beyond is almost certain. The Sabbath School work should anticipate the days that are coming, and make sure for the interest of humanity at large that the youths intrusted to them should have right principles instilled, for that's a commodity much needed in these days. Principles in politics, principles in commerce, principles in the Church of God and principles everywhere and in everything are what we want.

The statistics show but few additions in the past year of church members, and the cause is easily explained when we learn that several of our churches have no Sabbath School at all, and some report their schools in a languishing condition. A great fault and heavy responsibiliiy we fear rest upon many of our brethren. Too many think the Sabbath School work in its nature essentially juvenile. Thus a Sampson's power is shorn of its locks by a definition. A nobler tribute could not be paid a people than to say of them as Dr. Hall said of Wales, "They are born in the Sabbath School, they live in it, they die in it." May the Sabbath School interest in our ranks increase till such a tribute may be said of us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PACE, Chairman.

The Moderator announced the following agents for the *Recorder* as suggested by the motion of Elder Purefoy:

Brassfields.—S. H. Cannady.
Greenwood.—A. L. Davis.
Flat Rock.—Perry Wiggins.
Forestville.—D. W. Allen.
Franklinton.—W. H. Mitchell.
Mt. Vernon.—J. D. Allen.
New Bethel—G. W. Thompson.
New Hope.—Judson Buffalo.
Raleigh.—W. W. Holden.
Rolesville.—J. C. Leigh.
Wake X Roads.—W. H. Pace.
Wake Forest.—James Denmark.
Wake Union.—Michael Allen.
Woodland.—B. H. Davis.

Rev. C. E. Taylor moved that a committee of two be appointed whose duty it shall be to report a plan for holding Sunday School Institutes in the several sections of the Association.

Bro. Avera moved as a substitute that a committee be appointed to hold Sabbath School Institutes on the fifth Sabbath of each month during the coming year, and report at the next meeting of the Association, which was adopted.

The Moderator appointed as the committee Bro. A. F. Purefoy, Elder W. B. Royal and Prof. C. E. Taylor.

Dr. Pritchard, from the Committee on Religious Exercises, submitted a report.

Dr. Wingate offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this community for their kind hospitality to the members of this body, also to the Churches tendered to our ministers, and the Railroads that have given half fare tickets to our delegates.

The business of the Association having been disposed of, on motion it adjourned to meet with Flat Rock Church on Thursday before first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

N. B. BROUGHTON, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

CHURCH LETTERS.

The following are the letters sent up from the various Churches:

BRASSFIELDS CHURCH, GRANVILLE COUNTY, Oct. 20, 1873.

To the Ministers and Delegates composing the Central Association:

DEAR BRETHREN,—We, the Baptist Church of Christ worshiping at Brassfields, send you our Christian salutation. We appoint the following brethren to represent us in the Association: S. H. Cannady, W. J. Peace, T. A. Allen, L. B. Allen and N. E. Cannady. Received since our last Association: By baptism, one; by letter, one; restored, none; dismissed by letter, two; excluded, one; dead, none; which makes our present number 89. Bro. J. S. Puerfoy is our pastor at a salary of $100. We send to the Associational Fund $3. Our contributions for the past year are as follows: Education, $9.52; Home Missions, $11.78; Foreign Missions, $13.28. No Sabbath School the past year. Done by order of the Church.

N. E. CANNADY, Church Clerk.

GREENWOOD BAPTIST CHURTH, GRANVILLE COUNTY, Oct 27.

To the Central Association:

The following is the annual report: Baptized, none; restored, none; received by letter none; excommunicated, 1; white male members, 11; female, 30; total white members, 41; colored male members, 1; female 5; total colored members, 6; total white and colored, 47. Pastor's salary, $20. Association Fund $1. Nothing appropriated for Missions. Pastor Bro. A. F. Purefoy, post office Wake Forest; clerk, A. L. Davis, post office Forestville. Sabbath School numbers about 40 teachers and scholars, rather poorly conducted. We would ask help to build a house of worship but it seems that when the water is troubled another steps in. Done by order of the Church.

A. L. DAVIS, Church Clerk.

The Baptist Church of Christ at Flat Rock, Franklin County, to the Brethren Composing the Central Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—We are bound to give thanks to God that, through his mercy, we are permitted once more to address you by letter, and to meet you with Delegates in an Association. We have nothing cheering to communicate, yet it is our consolation to hope, that God has not forsaken us. We are now under the pastoral charge of Elder W. A. Barrett, through whose instrumentality we trust some precious souls have been brought to a knowledge of the truth. The following are our statistics: Time of meeting, second Sunday; pastor, W. A. Barrett; pastor's residence, near Franklinton; clerk's residence, Pacific; dismissed by letter, 3 white and one hundred and eighty-four colored

members; baptized, 7; received by letter, 3; restored, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total 266. The Church has raised for State missons, $8.58; foreign missions, $16.37; education, $2.56; incidental expenses, $9.10; printing minutes, $2.50. Sunday School, Flat Rock Church, P. M. Harrison, Superintendent; male teachers, 6, female teachers, 2; male scholars, 30; female scholars, 30; meets every Sunday. Post office of Superintendent, Pacific. Scholars professed religion past year, 8; copies of *Kind Words* taken, 28; volumes in library, 200. We have appointed Brethren R. J. Convers, T. J. Crocker, Perry Wiggins, R. H. Timberlake, Robert Harris, and Easton Wiggings to sit with you. Done in conference Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October 1873.

T. J. CROCKER, Church Clerk.

The Baptist Church at Forestville to the Central Association, Greeting:

Dear Brethren.—Since your last annual meeting we have had nothing to note of special interest. We have been regularly served by Dr. Brooks as pastor and are in peace among ourselves, but we have not been visited by special season of revival. It has been our duty to withdraw fellowship, from one of our number. There have been no additions. We number a membership of 29 males, 26 females, total 55. We have contributed: Pastor's salary, $200; board of education, $12.00; sexton's salary, $12.00; foreign missions, $12.50; home missions, $12.50; Sunday School library, $10; for land for church cemetery, $35. Our Sunday School is still in operation. We have a library numbering between 400 and 500 volumes, but the interest in the school is declining. The church have delegated Brethren S. H. Dunn, J. H. Reggan, M. E. Carver, A. R. Vann and W. B. Dunn, Jr., to represent us in your body. We send up for the minute fund, $3. Hoping that your body may have a harmonious and profitable session, we pray the Holy Spirit's presence with you.

L. CHAPPELL, Church Clerk.

To the Central Association:

Statistice of Mt. Vernon Church: Location 10 miles north of Raleigh; time of meeting, 3rd Sabbath and Saturday before in each month; pastor, Dr. W. T. Walters; his residence, Wake Forest College; clerk, John D. Allen, his residence, near Neuse; baptized, 4; received by letter, none; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; male, 35; female, 71; total, 106; pastors salary; $200; religious papers taken, *Recorder* and *Kind Words;* printing minutes, $3.25. The following brethren were appointed delegates: P. Dunn, W. G. L. Allen, John Bell, Jr., J. E. Ray and L. C. Dunn. Sunday School of Mt. Vernon Church, John D. Allen superintendent; male teachers, 6; female teachers, 5; male scholars, 40; female scholars, 50; total, 102.

The Baptist Church at New Bethel, to the Central Association, Greeting:

Our pastor is J. C. Marcom; salary, $100; received by letter, 2; excluded 1; deceased, 2; white members, and total, 260; Association fund, $3. We have delegated our beloved brethren Geo. W. Thompson, George Stallings, Orrin Yearby, Wm. H. Jones and Sol. J. Allen to sit with you in your deliberations. By order of conference.

SOL. J. ALLEN, Church Clerk.

To the Brethren who compose the Central Association:

Dear Brethren.—We, the Baptist Church of Christ worshipping at Perry's Chapel under the pastorate care of Rev. W. J. Fullford again have the privilege of addressing you in Association. We have appointed to represent us Brethren M. A. Griffin, W. D. Sprueil, W. P. Perry, O. G. Dicken and R. E. Gill, to whom you will please grant us a letter of dismission. Since our last Association the statistics are as follows: Of whites we have received into the Church, by experience, 5; by letter, none; dismissed by letter, 4; excluded,

3; deceased, 1; present membership of males, 18; females 30; total membership 48. Colored list: By experience, none; by letter, none; dismissed by letter, none; excluded none; deceased, 1; present membership, males, 6; females 23; total membership 29; pastor's address is Louisburg; clerks address Franklinton. Done in conference.

R. G. GILL, Church Clerk.

Brethren of the Central Association:

We extend to you a cordial greeting and heartily welcome you to our city, our Church and our homes. May God preside in all your deliberations and make your session a blessing to our church and His cause generally. It gives us pleasure to report our church in a prosperous state. Our congregations are large, the spirit of peace and love seems to prevail among the brethren, our Sunday School was never larger or more efficient, and there are some indications which lead us to hope that a rich blessing from the Lord may be realized at no distant day. We have been holding five prayer meetings each week for some time: one in the church and four in different neighborhoods of the city, and it is a cause of sincere gratitude with us that these meetings have been large and very interesting, and we hope are doing good. Our church has been trying to enforce a healthy Gospel discipline, and have thus not only arraigned some among us who walk disorderly, but have required those who hold their membership with us and reside elsewhere either to take letters and join churches contiguous to them, or, in case they do not reside near such churches, to report regularly to this church and contribute to its support as other members are required to do. This matter we regard as one of so much importance that we beg to present it as worthy of the attention of the Association, and respectfully suggest that some action be taken which will lessen the evil arising from this cause. There is another matter which we desire to bring to the consideration of the Association, which is the union of the Raleigh and Central Association. It has been the growing conviction of many of our brethren that the interests of the Master's casse would be promoted by uniting these two bodies into one larger and more efficient Association, and we respectfully present the following resolutions passed at a recent session of our church:

"*Resolved*, That in our opinion the union of the Raleigh and Central Associations would result in good to all the constituent churches of both bodies.

"*Resolved*, That we respectfully petition the Central Association to take such steps at its approaching session as will consummate a union between these two bodies."

The following brethren with the pastor to represent us in your deliberations: P. F. Pescud, John Armstrong, T. H. Briggs, W. W. Holden and N. B. Broughon. Subjoined we give statistics for ths past year: Received by baptism, 8; received by letter, 16; restored, 3; dismissed by letter, 13; fellowship withdrawn from, 9; died, 2; total membership, 369; pastor's salary, $2,500 00; pastor's home, $927.49; incidental expenses, $434.24; collections for the poor, $135.00; ministerial education, $220.00; State missions, $200.00; new church, $125.00; box of clothing for beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, $37.00; total, $3,578.73. Yours in christian love.

T. H. PRITCHARD, Pastor.

T. HENRY BRIGGS, JR., *Clerk.*

To the Central Association:

Statistics of Rolesville Baptist Church: Pastor, A. F. Purefoy; salary, $125 baptized, 10; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 4; restored, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 3; white members, 237; colored, 19; total, 256; contributed for church building, $21; Association fund, $5.00; Sabbath school, 30 scholars and teachers; R. Jones, superintendent; delegates, C. F. Wyatte, John Broughton, Churchwell Alford, W. R. Stells, Jas. C. Leigh.

REDDING JONES, Church Clerk.

To the Central Association:

Dear Brethren,—We delegate to sit with you in your delibrations the following brethren: Wesley Still, John D. Peoples, G. A. Still and W. H. Pace, and send by them $2 for printing minutes. The statisties of our church since you last met are as follows: Baptized, 5; dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 2; deceased, 4; white members, 181; colored, 3; total, 183. Eld. A. F. Purefoy is our pastor, post office, Forestville; clerk, W. H. Pace, of Raleigh; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath and Saturday before. We have a Sabbath School connected with the church with S. White Superintendent; number of scholars, 68. Owing to the church being unfit to hold service in, it being now undergoing repairs, there was no meeting on our last church day, hence we have not sent any funds for the different benevolent objects claiming your attention as we wished to do. Yours fraternally,

W. H. PACE, Church Clerk.

Wake Forest Baptist Church to the Central Association, Greeting:

We send to sit with you in council Brethren W. T. Brooks, W. M. Allen, W. O. Allen, W. B. Royal, C. E. Taylor and W. T. Walters. Since the last meeting of the Association we have been favored with the blessings of God in connection with the labor of Elder T. H. Pritchard in our midst. Several professed religion and five united themselves to our church as the fruits of our brother's labors. Our pastor has been absent from us, serving as Secretary of Central Committee, though our pulpit has been regularly supplied by others, except during the college vacation. Our statistics are as follows: Baptized, 5; restored, 6; dismissed by letter, 7; deceased, 2; total membership, 105. Our financial report shows the following contributions: Sunday schools, $46.50; State missions, $39.50; foreign missions, $90.37; education, $34.00; incidental expenses, $178.50; Association fee, $3.15; church extension $37.00; ohter benevolent objects, $211.00; total $630.02. We have a prosperous Sabbath school with nine teachers and sixty scholars. The library contains 300 volumes; Brother A. C. Dixon is superintendent and Bro. Jas. C. Jenkins librarian. Peace, happiness and prosperity reign in our church.

W. M. WINGATE, Pastor.

Jas. W. Denmark, *Clerk.*

To the Centaal Associatson:

Wake Union Baptist Church; location, Wake County; time of meeting, 1st Sabbath and Saturday previous in each month; pastor, Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy; pastor's residence, Wake Forest; clerk, James A. Winston, residence Franklinton, delegates, Brethren G. M. Allen, S. M. Stone, Geo. Davis and J. P. Pernell; Richard Griffin and John Pernell as alternates; dismissed by letter, 5; deceased, 2; male members, 38; female members, 63; total, $101; contributions: Pastor's salary, $100; foreign missions, $8.75; Association fund, $2.25; total, $111.00.

To the Central Association:

Woodland Baptist Church met in conference Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September. The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Central Association: Joseph N. Lowry, Willis Smith, Geo. T. Smith, Dawson O'Neal, Sylvester N. Little and D. T. Lowry. The following are the statistics: Male members, 34; female members, 57; total, 70. Pastor, F. R. Underwood; church clerk, B. H. Davis, post office Forestville; pastor's salary, $25; Association fund, $2. Sabbath school teachers and pupils, 48; superintendent, Bro. —— Denmark. Done by order of the church.

B. H. DAVIS, Church Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT;

OF THE FUNDS REPORTED IN THE CHURCH LETTERS, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Sunday School.	Pastor's Salary.	Pastor's Home.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	General Benevolence.	Incidental Expenses.	Church Buildings and Cemeteries.	Association Fund.	Greenville Theological Seminary.	For the Poor.	Aiding Pastors,	Southern Baptist Convention.
Brassfields,	.....	$ 100 00	.....	$11 78	$13 28	$ 9 52	....	.....	.....	$ 3 00	....	.....	....	.....
Greenwood,	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	....	.....	....	.....
Flat Rock,	.....	.....	.....	6 58	16 37	2 56	....	$ 9 10	.....	2 50	.....	.....	....	.....
Forestville,	$ 40 00	200 00	.....	12 50	12 50	12 50	....	12 00	$35 00	3 00	.....	.....	....	.....
Franklinton,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Mt. Vernon,	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	....	.....
New Bethel,	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	3 00	....	.....	....	.....
New Hope,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Perry's Chapel,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Raleigh,	1,925 20	2,500 00	$ 9,27 49	200 00	.....	220 00	.....	434 24	125 00	10 00	....	1,35 00	.....	.....
Rolesville,	.....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	21 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wake ⋈ Roads,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	...	.....	.....	.....
Wake Forest,	6 50	.....	.....	39 50	90 39	34 00	....	178 50	27 00	3 15	.....	.....	....	.....
Wake Union,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Woodland,	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	....	.....

The Committee have in hand, to be paid to the Treasurer, including a balance of $13 15, from former Treasurer, the sum of $85 63; of this $37 90 have been contributed at this session to Minute or Association Fund, and $34 58 by Brassfield's Church for State Missions, Foreign Missions and Education. The table annexed will show the contributions by the Churches during the past year for various objects, which contributions have been heretofore applied to said objects, and have not passed into the hands of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HOLDEN,
S. H. CANNADY,
J. C. LEIGH. } Committee,

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Diminutions.			Membership.		
	Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	White	Colored.	Total.
Brassfields,.....	1	1	....	2	1	....	89	....	89
Forestville,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	26	55
Flat Rock,.....	17	3	2	187	2	1	...	....	266
Greenwood,.....	....	....	....	....	1	....	41	6	47
Mt. Vernon,.....	4	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	106
New Hope,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
New Bethel,.....	....	2	....	....	1	2	....	....	200
Perry's Chapel,.....	5	...	....	4	3	1	48	29	77
Raleigh,.....	8	16	3	13	9	2	....	....	369
Rolesville,.....	10	2	2	4	1	3	237	19	256
Wake Forest,.....	5	6	....	7	....	2	....	....	105
Wake ⋈ Roads,.....	5	....	....	3	2	4	181	2	183
Wake Union,.....	...	...	....	5	....	2	....	....	101
Woodland.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	70

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the first fifth Sabbath after the fourth sabbath in July, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULESOF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the Absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previons session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.
7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discusion.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.
14 These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

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" WM. A. BARRETT.

PROCEEDINGS.

FLAT ROCK CHURCH,
FRANKLIN CO., N. C., Aug. 27th, 1874.

The Central Association convened at 11 A. M.

On motion of Elder W. T. Walters, F. M. Purefoy was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and S. M. Stone Secretary *pro tem.*

Prayer by Dr. W. M. Wingate.

Hymn: "Am I a soldier of the Cross."

Introductory Sermon by Dr. W. T. Walters, from Matt. 6th chapter.

Recess of one hour, after which, the Association was called to order.

The Moderator, N. E. Cannady, and Clerk, N. B. Broughton, having arrived, assumed their positions.

The roll of churches was called and church letters read.

The following churches reported with delegates as follows:

Greenwood—No delegates reported.

Brassfields—W. D. Allen, A. S. Gill, S. E. Dement,* W. P. Weathers and J. T. Winston.

Flat Rock—J. P. Timberlake, S. C. Eaves, R. A. Hicks, Paton Harrison, Lee Perry and Perry Wiggins.

Forestville—F. M. Purefoy, D. W. Allen, J. H. Riggan, Wm. B. Dunn and S. H. Dunn.

Franklinton—T. H. Griffin, W. H. Mitchell,* A. D. Ellis, L. W. Dent and C. S. Williams.

Mount Vernon—J. E. Ray, L. C. Dunn,* Peterson Dunn,* John D. Allen* and W. G. L. Allen.*

*Those marked with * were absent.

New Bethel—Geo. W. Thompson,* Wm. A. Jones,* I. J. Brogden, Wm. Sater* and J. T. Rogers.

New Hope—Judson Buffaloe, Frank Weathers, B. B. Buffaloe, Calvin Buffaloe and Sidney Partin.*

Raleigh Church—T. H. Pritchard, N. B. Broughton, Peter Francis, John Armstrong and F. P. Hobgood.

Rolesville Church—C. Upchurch, J. T. Hagwood, J. J. Barrow, S. H. Scarboro and Conley Ferrell.

Wake X Roads—J. J. Rains, W. W. Weathers,* Wesley Stell, James A. Stell and G. D. Wiggins.

Wake Forest—W. G. Simmons,* J. M. Brewer,* J. A. Kelley,* L. R. Mills* and W. O. Allen.

Wake Union—S. M. Stone, Geo. Davis,* J. A. Winston, Calvin Mitchell and Isham Holden.

Woodland—Joshua Watkin, B. H. Davis, T. Lowery,* B. Champion and S. N. Little.

The election of permanent officers was then had with the following result:

Moderator—N. E. Cannady—unanimously re-elected.

Clerk and Treasurer—N. B. Broughton.

An invitation was extended to brethren of sister Associations.

Rev. J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, being present, was welcomed.

The Moderator made the following appointment of Committees:

Committee on Religious Exercises—Deacons of Flat Rock Church.

Committee on Finance—A. S. Gill, W. B. Dunn and John Armstrong.

State Missions—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J. J. Barrow and B. B. Buffaloe.

Education—Rev. Chas. E. Taylor, S. C. Eaves and S. M. Stone.

Those marked with * were absent.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. F. Purefoy, A. D. Ellis and W. D. Allen.

Foreign Missions—Dr. W. M. Wingate, J. E. Ray and I. J. Brogden.

Periodicals—F. P. Hobgood, J. J. Rains and F. M. Purefoy.

A letter from Hopkin's Chapel Church of the Raleigh Association, petitioning for membership in this body, was read.

On motion of Rev. C. E. Taylor, the church was received. and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The letter of the church was then read, giving the names of delegates as follows: W. K. Phillips, J. B. Baker, Bass Stallings, W. C. Ferrell* and B. W. Ray.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced the following: 11 A. M., Friday, Rev. J. D. Hufham, Rev. A. F. Purefoy, alternate. 2. P. M., Rev. E. F. Beacham, Rev. J. S. Purefoy, alternate.

Elder Jas. S. Purefoy moved to amend the 8th Rule of Order by adding after the word, "discussion," the words "without the consent of the Association."

Adopted.

Elder Chas. E. Taylor moved that the sessions of the Association be fixed as follows:

Meet at 10 A. M., adjourn at 12½. Meet at 1½ P. M., adjourn at 4 P. M.

On motion, adjourned. Singing, "'Tis religion," &c, and benediction by Dr. Wingate.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING,
August 28th, 1874, 10 o'clock.

After spending a few moments in religious exercises, conducted by Rev. J. D. Hufham,

Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll called and delegates responded.

The Moderator appointed Brethren J. E. Ray, J. T. Rogers, B. H. Davis and C. Mitchell, as a Committee to select place for next meeting of the Association.

Dr. Pritchard, Chairman of the Committee on State Missions, submitted a report as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the year, now closing, there has been an increase number of missionaries at work in different parts of the State. Many of them have been occupying important places, such as Elizabeth City, Weldon, Greensboro', Winston, Morganton and Hickory. These places are constantly growing in importance, and we have not felt that it would be right to neglect them. It is in accordance with apostolic example to establish the truth in the centre of life and trade. At the same time the Board of Missions have kept steadily in the wants of the country districts. In the King's Mountain, Catawba, Mt. Zion and other Associations, good men have been supplying weak churches and destitute neighborhods. A good work has been done, work which will tell on the denominational interests of the State more and more through the years to come.

Owing to a variety of causes the churches have not, this year, manifested as much liberality as usual towards this department of labor, and much of the salaries of the missionaries is still unpaid. The letters from the churches indicate a lack of interest in this great work. We commend it to your prayerful consideration, and suggest that something be done at this session to help our Board in this time of need.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. J. BARROW,
B. B. BUFFALOE.

Dr. Wingate moved its adoption.

Remarks were submitted by Rev. J. D. Hufham, Dr. Pritchard, Dr. Walters, Elders A. F. Purefoy and Chas. E. Taylor, after which, $294.80 was raised in cash and subscriptions, and the report was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess of one hour, Elder Chas. E. Taylor, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Education.

Dr. Brooks moved to lay on table and make special order for 10½ o'clock to-morrow morning, which was adopted.

Elder A. F. Purefoy, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is with pleasure that your Committee can report an increase of interest in the Sunday School work. We have never seen so much interest since the organization of our Association We believe that there are at least a third more in the schools this year than last. The instruction is better, and the good effects are being displayed in various revival meetings.

We rejoice to report a large increase of adult attendance, which we believe is having a good influence on the churches, and which will result in a permanent stimulus to the Sunday School work.

A. F. PUREFOY,
A. D. ELLIS,
W. D. ALLEN.

Dr. Wingate moved its adopted.

In this connection, Elder C. E. Taylor, from the Committee on Sunday School Institutes, appointed at the last session, read their report, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

The Committee on Sunday School Institutes beg leave to report that during the associational year, meetings have been held with ten churches in the Association. These institutes have been well attended, and there can be no doubt that knowledge has been imparted and an impetus given to the Sunday School work in our midst.

A. F. PUREFOY,
C. E. TAYLOR,
W. B. ROYALL.

The report on Sabbath Schools was then discussed by Elders Taylor, A. F. Purefoy, Dr. Walters, Brethren J. E. Ray, J. J. Barrow, B. B. Buffaloe and N. B. Broughton, and the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School Institutes was then adopted.

Dr. Walters moved that the Institutes be continued,an d the same Committee, Elder Chas. E. Taylor, Elder A. F. Purefoy and Elder Wm. B. Royall, be reappointed, which was adopted.

The Committee to select the place of next meeting of the Association reported through their Chairman, J. E. Ray, as follows:

REPORT ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Committee appointed to select place of next session of the Association, beg leave to suggest Woodland Church, Wake County, as place selected.

J. E. RAY,
J. T. ROGERS,
B. H. DAVIS,
C. MITCHELL.

The report was concurred in.

The Moderator appointed Brethren A. D. Ellis, F. M. Purefoy and B. B. Buffaloe as the Committee to select Preachers for the next Association.

Dr. Brooks moved to change the time of meeting of the Association to Tuesday before the second Sunday in October.

Brother S. M. Stone moved as an amendment, "Thursday before the second Sunday in August."

After some discussion, by consent, the motions were withdrawn.

The Committee on Finance reported, and the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on Periodicals, through Brother F. M. Purefoy, submitted their report as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Periodical literature is a pecular feature of our civilization, and is assuming year after year vaster proportions, and exercising a more powerful influence on our opinious. Political parties, lottery schemes, infidel societies, fanatical sects, and all the legion of isms, have their respective organs spreading their errors and baneful influence as a blight over our land.

This baneful influence of the secular press renders it of vast importance that we should have a pure religious literature to counteract it as far as possible. It would be difficult to estimate the value of the religious press of this country. Blot it out and let the secular continue, and how soon would we be enveloped in moral darkness and confusion. Who can measure the good to a family from the weekly visits of a healthful, high-toned paper, breathing a spirit of piety and devotion to the religion of our Lord and Saviour, and filled with instructive matter? This literature is all which many Baptists families *can* have, and how important that *every* one should have it.

We recommend as eminently worthy of the patronaga of Baptists, and as supplying all the conditions aforesaid, the BIBLICAL RECORDER, for many years the unswerving advocate of truth and right.

We also recommend the HOME AND FOREIGN JOURNAL, published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, at fifty cents per copy, and ten cents for fifty copies.

And last, but by no means least, KIND WORDS, the children's paper, published at Macon, Ga.

We would press the claims of this last named, and much neglected, paper upon the attention of this Association, realizing fully the importance of "training up" our children "in the way they should go."

F. P. HOBGOOD,
F. M. PUREFOY.
J. J. RAIN.

Remarks were submitted by Dr. Wingate, Elder Jas. S. Purefoy and N. B. Broughton, and the report was adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, Elder F. H. Ivey lead in prayer, and the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Aug. 29th, 10 o'clock.

Dr. Walters lead in prayer, and the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll called, and minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren being called for, Elder B. F. Beacham and Brother Chas. M. Cook, of the Tar River Association, reported and were welcomed.

The hour for the special order, the report of the Committee on Education, having arrived, the same was taken up, and read as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Reports to our Associations on the subject of education have generally been confined to ministerial education and the interests of Wake Forest College. But there seem to be peculiar reasons why primary education should be brought into prominent notice. The unerring figures of the census show that a large proportion of the children of our State are growing up without any educational advantages. This brings a deserved reproach upon us and is a burning shame to a Christian people. The conscience of an enlightened parent ought not to be satisfied so long as he does not afford to his children every opportunity within his power for securing, at least, some degree of education.

Special sermons should be preached on this subject, and the matter agitated till a brighter day dawns upon our educational future.

There were at Wake Forest College during the last session thirteen young men prosecuting their studies under the care of the Education Board. Their deportment, studiousness, self-denial and christian zeal commend them to the prayers, sympathy and liberality of the brethren. It is to be greatly regretted that the churches are so backward in the support of the Board in their work. An average of less than two cents each was all that was contributed by the denomination in the State during the last year.

The endowment of the College is of vital importance to our denominational future. The whole history of the colleges of the country demonstrate that unless our college is endowed at an early day it must either curtail its operations or entirely suspend.

Our object in this movement for endowment is to afford the advantages of a first class education to those who are called of God to the gospel ministry. And this work once performed, we have ground to hope that we shall secure to our posterity a permanent institution of sound christian learning.

We have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon the present prosperity and future hopefulness of the Raleigh Female Seminary, which, by reason of its location, belongs in a peculiar sense to this Association, and commends itself to our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. TAYLOR,
S. M. STONE,
S. C. EAVES.

Brother S. M. Stone opened the discussion, and was followed by Drs. Wingate, Pritchard, Walters and Elder Ivey. Pending any action, a recess of one hour was had for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order.

Elder Jas. S. Purefoy resumed the debate on the report of the Committee on Education, after which,

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Preachers for next session, through their Chairman, Brother A. D. Ellis, submitted their report as follows:

Introductory Sermon—Chas. E. Taylor; alternate, Elder Wm B. Royall.
Missionary Sermon—Dr. W. M. Wingate; alternate, Dr. W. T Brooks.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Wingate, Chairman, submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board during the past year was, for a time, seriously embarrassed for the want of funds. It was even feared that some of our missionaries would be compelled to return home. But this extreme pressure has been happily passed. It is still, however, a question as to what may be the result of the coming year. The financial pressure in the South continues with almost unabated force, and the end is not yet seen. It becomes us, therefore, to guard well against the danger of financial embarrassment in this important Board. We must hold our ground in this vast field. Nay, can we not advance upon past years, and occupy more of the vast waste in this wilderness of heathenism? Are there not young disciples to be found who are burning with desire to carry the gospel far hence to the Gentiles? "The harvest is great, the laborers are few." Are we ready to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest? And if He should answer us, increasing the number of our laborers, do we stand ready to multiply our contributions? The Lord prepare us to pray and to give!

W. M. WINGATE,
I. J. BROGDEN.
J. E. RAY,

After remarks by Dr. Wingate, the report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. (See Report.)

Elder Jas. S. Purefoy introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Association hold at each of the annual meetings of this body a Sunday School Institute on Sabbath afternoon.

Resolved, That we hold on to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, a Sabbath School Institute, and that the Committee arrange the subjects and speakers.

Adopted.

Dr. Brooks offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of this church and community for the kind and hospitable entertainment of the Association during the present session.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Dr. Brooks, F. M. Purefoy and S. M. Stone were appointed to select delegates to the State Convention, and to have same announced in the RECORDER.

Brother S. M. Stone introduced the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association recommend to the ministers to bring the subject before each church in this Association to send one beneficiary to Wake Forest College and pay the board and tuition of same.

Elder Jas. S. Purefoy offered the following:

Resolved, That any brother of this Association who may be in attendance upon any Association, corresponding with this, be requested to represent us.

Dr. Pritchard, Chairman, offered the following, as the report of the Committee to select subjects and speakers for the Sunday School Institute to be held to-morrow afternoon:

1. The duty of the Church to the Sunday School.
2. The best manner of conducting Sunday Schools.

Speakers on first subject, Brethren C. M. Cooke, F. H. Ivey.

Speakers on second subject, Brethren W. T. Walters, W. M. Wingate.

A. F. PUREFOY, CHAIRMAN.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have three hundred copies of the minutes printed, and distribute the same; and the usual fee of $10.00 for services rendered.

The business being completed, Dr. Brooks conducted the closing exercises, and the Association adjourned to meet with Woodland Church, five miles west of Wake Forest, on Thursday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July, it being the 26th day of August, 1875.

LORD'S DAY.

At 9 o'clock in the morning a Sabbath School mass meeting was held, at which, addresses were made by Brethren John Armstrong, J. E. Ray and N. B. Broughton.

At 11 o'clock, Dr. Pritchard, according to appointment, preached the Missionary Sermon in the house, after which, a collection was taken up amounting to $15. At the same time Dr. Walters preached at the stand.

In the afternoon the Sunday School Institute was held, at which Elder A. F. Purefoy presided. Addresses were delivered on the subjects selected by Brother C. M. Cook, Elder F. H. Ivey and Dr. Walters.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

N. B. BROUGHTON, Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT

OF FUNDS REPORTED IN CHURCH LETTERS, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Sunday School.	Pastor's Salary.	Pastor's Home.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	General Benevolence.	Incidental Expenses.	Church Buildings and Cemeteries.	Association Fund.	Greenville Theological Seminary.	For the Poor.
Brassfields		$ 100 00		$ 5 51	$ 9 11	$ 5 25		$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 3 00		
Greenwood												
Flat Rock		125 00				80 00		15 00		4 00		
Forestville	$ 35 50	200 00		7 50	34 00	12 65		47 50	41 00	3 00		
Franklinton		200 00		6 85		7 50			200 00	2 00		
Mt. Vernon		200 00								3 25		
New Bethel		100 00								3 00		
New Hope		125 00		9 16⅔	12 96⅔	9 16⅔			90 49	2 50		
Raleigh Church	3,635 00	2,500 00	$1,000 00	367 80	115 18		$ 566 00	721 72	952 00	5 00	$36 00	$120 58
Rolesville	16 00	125 00								5 00		
Wake X Roads	20 00			25 00				54 50	225 00	3 00		
Wake Forest	6 00	85 50		7 25	163 42	5 00		23 00	9 00	3 00		
Wake Union		100 00								2 25		
Woodland								2 00		2 00		
Hopkin's Chapel										2 00		

The Committee have in hand to be paid to the Treasurer $43.00, contributed as Associational Fund. The table annexed will show the contributions by the churches during the past year for various objects, which contributions have already been applied and did not come into our hands.

WM. B. DUNN, JR.,
A. S. GILL,
JOHN ARMSTRONG.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

	DR.		
1873.			
Oct. 11.	Received from the Finance Committee	$85 63	
	" " New Hope Church for Minutes,	2 50	$88 13
	CR.		
	Paid Jno. G. Williams, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, for Brassfield Church,	$34 58	
	Paid for printing Minutes,	41 25	
	Allowance for services of Clerk,	10 00	
	Balance on hand	2 30	$88 13

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Superintendents.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library	Total Contribution.	Remarks.
Brassfields	S. H. Cannady	..	4	20	....	.....	....
Forestville	W. B. Royall	..	6	25	....	.....	.....
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	3	8	75	200	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon	J. D. Allen	..	8	70	....	.....	.....
New Hope	B. B. Buffaloe	..	12	46	125	.....	.....
New Bethel	....	2	8	90	....	.....	....
Hopkin's Chapel	H. V. Branch	..	....	80	...	.....	J. S. Allen, Supt
Raleigh	J. M. Heck	2	55	641	1200	$3,635	2nd School.
Rolesville	J. J. Barrow	2	....	163	.	.. ....	J. P. Hagwood
Franklinton	W. H. Mitchell	..	8	43	160	5 00	Supt. 2d School.
Wake Forest	.....	..	10	90	....	.....	.....
Wake X Roads	L. N. Rains	..	.....	133	130	.....	.....
Wake Union	.....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
Woodland	.....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Memb'rs	Col'd Members.	Total.
Brassfields	J. S. Purefoy	N. E. Cannady	Brassfields	....	2	..	..	2	1	87	.....	87
Greenwood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Rock	W. A. Barrett	R. J. Conyers	Pacific	12	3	..	4	3	2	272	.....	272
Forestville	W. B. Royall	L. Chappell	Forestville	27	2	..	5	..	..	79	.....	79
Franklinton	W. T. Brooks	W. H. Joyner	Franklinton	...	...	...	..	..	1	45	1	46
Mt. Vernon	W. T. Brooks	Jno. D. Allen	Neuse	....	..	..	1	..	..	.....	.....	105
New Bethel	J. C. Marcom	Solomon J. Allen	.....	....	2	..	4	7	1	190	.....	190
New Hope	A. F. Purefoy	W. G. Riddick	Raleigh	5	1	1	4	1	..	108	38	146
Hopkin's Chapel	A. F. Purefoy	B. W. Ray	Wakefield	1	4	..	1	3	1	167	14	181
Raleigh	T. H. Pritchard	T. H. Briggs, Jr.	Raleigh	72	26	1	10	6	5	500	.....	500
Rolesville	A. F. Purefoy	R. Jones	Rolesville	....	6	..	20	3	4	.....	.....	227
Wake X Roads	A. F. Purefoy	L. N. Rains	Rolesville	1	2	..	3	..	..	178	2	180
Wake Forest	W. M. Wingate	Jas. W. Denmark	Wake Forest	....	4	..	9	2	..	98	.....	98
Wake Union	E. F. Beacham	Jas. A. Winston	Franklinton	....	...	...	2	..	1	100	.....	100
Woodland	J. A. White	B. H. Davis	Forestville	....	...	...	1	..	..	64	.....	64
				124	52	2	64	27	16	2,220	55	2,275

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men ; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the first fifth Sabbath after the fourth Sabbath in July, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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PROCEEDINGS.

WOODLAND CHURCH, WAKE CO., N. C.,
Thursday, August 26th, 1875.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the *Central Baptist Association*, convened with this church to-day.

The Introductory Sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Rev. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College. Text: II Cor. 5 : 14–15.

The Association was called to order at 2 P. M., by the Moderator, N. E. Cannady.

Opening exercises conducted by Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy, of Wake Forest.

The roll of Churches was called by the Clerk and delegates reported as follows:

Brassfields.—A. S. Gill, B. L. Allen, T. A. Allen, S. H. Cannady and N. E. Cannady.

Greenwood.—Erasmus Allen and A. L. Davis.

Flat Rock.—Peyton Harrison, Perry Wiggins, A. C. Wall, Bryant Freeman and Green Wiggins.

Forestville.—W. B. Dunn, D. W. Allen, J. W. Fort, J. F. Fort and S. S. Abernathy*.

Franklinton.—T. H. Griffin*, C. S. Williams, L. W. Dent, John Y. McGhee*, N. M. Barrow*.

Mt. Vernon.—John D. Allen, John E. Ray, W. G. L. Allen, D. D. Gil and John A. Honeycutt*.

New Bethel.—G. W. Thompson, S. J. Allen, W. A. Jones, W. T. Sater and Wm. O'Neal*.

New Hope.—G. W. Jones*, Allison Baugh, Madison Buffalo, Geo. Partin, Calvin Buffalo*. Alternate, B. B. Buffalo.

First Church, Raleigh.—P. F. Pescud*, Jas. M. Betts*, W. W. Holden*, Jno. Armstrong and Jesse F. Taylor*.

Rolesville.—S. T. Arnold*, J. J. Barrow, Jas. C. Leigh, W. R. Stell Alternate: J. C. Ferrell, J. T. Hagwood* and J. R. Broughton*.

Wake X Roads.—W. W. Weathers, H. H. Stell*, J. J. Ranes, J. D. Peebles* and John Watkins.

Wake Forest.—H. Raybon*, L. R. Mills*, J. A. Kelly*, W. O. Allen and C. F. Reid*.

Wake Union.—G. B. Allen, R. N. Griffin, Geo. Davis, J. R. Holland, and Geo. Lowry.

Woodland.—Willis Smith, Joshua Watkins, George Smith, Hardy O'Neal and Dorson O'Neal.

Hopkin's Chapel.—W. S. Harris*, Dorsey Ferrell*, W. R. Privett.

†*Perry's Chapel.*—W. P. Perry*, R. F. Andrews, M. A. Griffin, L. J. Wilder*, F. R. Tharrington*, and R. E. Gill*.

Those marked * not present.

†Perry's Chapel was granted a letter of dismission at the last session of the Association, but having concluded not to take it out was again recognized.

The Association proceeded to the election of permanent officers, with the following result:

Moderator, N. E. CANNADY, Slab Town, N. C.

Clerk and Treasurer, N. B. BROUGHTON, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy reported as correspondent of Flat River Association.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Committee on Religious Exercises.—The Deacons and Clerk of Woodland Church.

Committee on Finance.—Brothers J. C. Leigh, S. H. Cannady and J. W. Fort.

Committee on State Missions.—Dr. W. M. Wingate, John Armstrong and G. W. Lowry.

On Education.—Rev. C. T. Bailey, Bros. R. N. Griffin and W. W. Weathers.

On Sabbath Schools.—Bros. W. O. Allen, B. B. Buffalo and Geo. B. Allen.

On Foreign Missions.—Prof. C. E. Taylor, Bros. W. H. Jones and J. J. Barrow.

On Periodicals.—Dr. W. T. Walters, Bros. M. A. Griffin and T. A. Allen.

On Place and Preachers for Next Meeting.—Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy, Bros. Perry Wiggins and John F. Fort.

Prof. C. E. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved That we hereby recommend to the churches of the Central Association, an annual revision of their rolls of membership, and such action as shall reach our non-attending membership.

Discussed by Bros. Taylor, Wingate, Brooks, Walters, Purefoy, W. O. Allen, G. B. Allen and S. H. Cannady.

Pending discussion the Association adjourned. Prayer and Benediction by Dr. W. T. Brooks.

FRIDAY MORNING, Aug. 27th, 1875.

The Association convened at 10 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator.

Opening exercises conducted by Dr. W. T. Walters.

Roll called and minutes read.

Dr. W. T. Brooks, Chairman of the Committee on Education, being reported as detained by sickness from attendance to-day, Rev. C. T. Bailey was appointed in his place.

The resolution of Bro. Taylor, introduced on yesterday and laid over, was taken up, and the discussion continued by Bros. J. W. Fort, Prof. Taylor, N. B. Broughton, Dr. Wingate, Rev. J. S. Purefoy and Dr. Walters.

The resolution was then adopted.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren.

Rev. C. T. Bailey, Editor *Biblical Recorder* and Agent Education Board; Bro. H. B. Lowry, from the Raleigh Association; Bro. J. B. Brewer, from Tar River; Bro. Rich'd Lewis, from Salem Association, accepted the same.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted their report as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are gratified to state that the *Biblical Recorder* has, within the last few years, widely increased in circulation and is now one of the fixed institutions of the State.

We cordially commend this enterprise to the favorable consideration of the membership of the Association. The *Recorder* fills a place of usefulness, at once important and indispensable, in affording a medium of communication between the great brotherhood of the State.

It is the powerful advocate of every good enterprise inaugurated for our progress and success, and is of incalculable advantage to every Christian, in his private religious experience, in the family circle, and in his relationship to the church and world at large.

With such motives as it presents, to avail ourselves of its advantages, your Committee feel, that to extend its circulation is the performance of a religious duty, and would hence urge upon pastors to see that every household of the congregation is supplied with a copy of the *Biblical Recorder* and every family of the Sunday School with *Kind Words*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WALTERS, Chm'n Com.

Remarks were submitted by Rev. C. T. Bailey, Dr. Walters, Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy, Prof. C. E. Taylor, Dr. Richard Lewis, Dr. Wingate and N. E. Cannady.

Brethren A. S. Gill, A. L. Davis and Willis Smith were appointed a Committee to solicit subscribers. The report was then adopted.

The Committee on Education through their Chairman, Rev. C. T. Bailey, submitted their report, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee are under the impression, from a careful review of the whole field of our operations, and an intimate acquaintance with the condition and necessities of our people, that the subject of this report is the most important for our consideration.

God in His providence has made of us a great people. Our borders have been greatly extended, our numbers enlarged, while our wealth and influence gives us greater prominence in the State, in all the duties and responsibilities as citizens.

Under these providential circumstances it becomes our duty as good servants in the Master's vineyard, to use and employ all the means in our reach, for the successful accomplishment of the work assigned us.

It is the opinion of your Committee that education—the education of our sons and daughters—especially the education of our rising ministry is a duty that now devolves on every member of the church of Christ.

The want of this is the clog that now hinders our reaching the full measure of usefulness and power in the service assigned us.

We need energetic Baptist teachers—Baptist professional men. We do not mean to say that our sons and daughters should be sent to Colleges, or that a man cannot be an educated man without a collegiate education. Many of our best informed ministers have, at great labor and expense, educated themselves. We honor the energy and zeal of these brethren. We are glad to report the Education Board of W. F. College in a prosperous and healthy condition. During last session there were twenty-one young ministers in the College, eleven of these were under the patronage of the Board. We expect a larger number of these young brethren the coming session. The Board and its great work deserves the sympathy and support of all the members of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. BAILEY.

Remarks submitted by Rev. C. T. Bailey and Dr. Walters.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Association took a recess of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 2 P. M.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report on Education, on motion it was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools through their Chairman, Bro. W. O. Allen, submitted their report, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday Schools, feel gratified to state, that the work in this department of Christian labor within the limits of our Association, is beginning to assume such proportions as is somewhat commensurate with its importance.

The glorious work of pointing the youth to the Lamb of God, is being prosecuted with great vigor and earnestness in all of our churches, except two. According to statistics, nine churches out of fifteen continue their school throughout the year. These brethren are displaying such a zeal and such a spirit of self-sacrifice as is worthy of emulation by the less active workers. It is much to be desired that all of our brethren should fully comprehend the importance of directiug the youthful mind to the Saviour. The yoke of God's commands should be worn early in life, as it will make our duty the more acceptable to God and easier to ourselves. Our brethren should ever bear in mind that the youth of our land is the hope of the world. If then, the future success of our Zion, depends upon the proper training of our children, how great is the responsibility that is laid upon us, to begin early in this work. To do the work of Sunday Schools, teaching efficiently, requires great sacrifices at our hands, especially among country churches. We must bear our necks patiently and persistently to the yoke of our Master's service. Knowing so well, that He gave His back to the smiters and His cheeks to those that buffeted Him, on our account.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. ALLEN, Chm'n.

Remarks by Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy, Brethren J. J. Barrow, B. B. Buffalo, N. B. Broughton, Dr. R. H. Lewis and Bro. Geo. W. Thompson.

The report was then adopted.

The Committee on State Missions, through Dr. Wingate, reported:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

For the past two Conventional years there was a manifest falling off in the receipts of the State Mission Board, partly due, no doubt, to financial

embarrassment, and our mission stations and our missionaries were not only diminished, but a debt was incurred which has given the Board and Secretary no little trouble. During the present year it is gratifying to be able to report an increase in our receipts, and there is a good prospect of maintaining a larger number of missionaries, and also liquidating our debt.

Meantime we would earnestly urge upon the churches of our Association the importance of reaching their own immediate neighborhoods by the multiplication of Sabbath Schools, prayer meetings, and preaching appointments in the houses of the people. Much can be done by the whole body of the church in evangelizing those who do not attend the regular ministration of the sanctuary. Can we not more successfully enter this home field at our own doors?

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE.

Remarks by Dr. Wingate and Rev. J. S. Purefoy, and the report was laid over until to-morrow.

The Committee on Place of Next Meeting and Preachers of Next Association report as follows:

Meet with the church at Hopkin's Chapel; Rev. T. H. Pritchard Introductory Sermon; Dr. W. T. Walters as Alternate. Rev. C. E. Taylor to preach Missionary Sermon; Dr. W. M. Wingate as Alternate.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, through Prof. C. E. Taylor, reported as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"SHALL OUR MISSIONARIES BE RECALLED."

The necessity of increased contributions by our churches for the support of the gospel among the heathen is imperative. The work must stop, if our missionaries be not sustained. But the work cannot stop, without destroying the Christian character of our people. Baptists, without missions to the nations, give no evidence of being the churches of Christ. The alternative forces on us the absolute need of arousing and doing more for the salvation of the heathen. The conduct of our people amazes, and grieves, and discourages our missionaries. They cannot understand how the love of Christ can be in our hearts, and not constrain us to meet our plain obligations to them and to the perishing world, while millions are annually committed to us as the stewards of the Lord. Men and women plead with the Board to send them into the field; but they are denied, because there are no means furnished to send and to take care of them. Those already among the heathen are unwilling for others to come to be straitened and

treated as they have been. Rev. M. T. Yates, our missionary at Shanghai, writes May 13th: "I do not think the Board ought to send any more missionaries to this field till the churches are prepared to give them their salaries quarterly in advance." The Board directed our missionaries to draw for their salaries. Drafts have come, amounting to some $10,000, and the money is not in the treasury. Some of the missionaries cannot draw. A letter from Bro. T. P. Crawford, of Tung Chow, says: "I cannot draw here on your treasurer. You must send me bills or letters of credit on Baring Brothers, regularly, as heretofore, or we shall come to grief." But how can we send with no money on hand?

Everything has been done to lighten expenses. No salary has been paid in Richmond by the Board since the Southern Baptist Convention, and none will be received until the missionaries shall be paid. The missionaries have been called upon to cut down expenditures in their respective fields. The Board can only state the facts of the case, and throw themselves upon the justice and Christian love of the churches. Of course, if the funds are not forthcoming after all this, the Board must save disaster by recalling at least some of these devoted laborers of the Lord. The churches must not force a debt on the Board which they may hereafter be unwilling to pay. The Board have to be wise. If this recall be made, on whom will rest the responsibility—the fearful responsibility of contracting or closing our missions among the heathen? We are sure our pastors and churches will not, cannot permit this alternative, which is inevitable if our people generally do not awake and come to the help of the Master's work. Temporary arrangements may be made; but the early fall must bring at least $25,000 into our treasury, else missionaries must come home. Think of it, pray over it, act on it, all ye who are the lovers of the Lord Jesus, and desire to do his sacred bidding to preach the gospel to the nations."

C. E. TAYLOR.

The report was laid over for consideration until to-morrow.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy.

SATURDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY.

Association convened at 10 A. M., and was called to order by the Moderator.

Opening exercises by Dr. Walters.

Roll called and minutes read.

The report on State Missions was taken from the table and considered.

Remarks by Dr. Walters, N. B. Broughton and John E. Ray.

The report was then adopted.

A cash collection for State Missions was then taken up, amounting to $11.50.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, laid over from yesterday, was taken up, and after remarks by Brethren L. Chappell, R. T. Vaum, Fred Purefoy and Dr. Walters, was adopted.

A collection was taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to $34.00.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy is announced to preach at the stand.

Bro. N. B. Broughton, Treasurer of the Associotion, submitted his report for the past year, which was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. B. BROUGHTON, *Treasurer, in account with Central Baptist Association.*

1874. DR.				
Received from Finance Committee, for Brassfield Church,			$ 19	87
Sunday collection Foreign Missions,			15	00
Minute fund, from churches,			43	00
Balance on hand last report,			2	30
			$ 80	17
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By amount paid Jno. G. Williams, Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	$ 34	87		
Paid for printing Minutes,	40	00		
Services as Clerk, in part,	5	30		
			$ 80	17

The Finance Committee submitted their report which was adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to have 300 copies of the proceedings of this session printed.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Dr. Pritchard, Brethren G. B. Allen, N. B. Broughton, John Armstrong and Jas. C. Leigh, as a Committee to confer with Raleigh Association in regard to the Yates Mission, and as Corresponding Messengers to said Association.

As Corresponding Messengers to

Eastern Association.—John Armstrong, Prof. C. E. Taylor and L. R. Mills.

Flat River.—S. H. Cannady, N. E. Cannady, R. T. Vann.

Mt. Zion.—Dr. Pritchard, N. B. Broughton, Wm. H. Jones.

Chowan.—Dr. Walters, J. D. Hufham, Dr. Wingate,

Tar River.—Robt. Andrews, J. C. Leigh, Dr. Walters, Prof. C. E. Taylor.

Dr. Walters said, after a conference with the delegate from Hopkins' Chapel, he thought it best to reconsider the action of the Association by which it was determined hold the next session at that place, and submitted a motion to that effect.

Bro. Privett, from Hopkins' Chapel, stated that the only trouble in the way was, that their house of worship might not be ready.

The motion of Dr. Walters prevailed.

On motion, it was then agreed to hold the next session with the church at Forestville, on Thursday before the fifth Sunday in September, 1876.

Some discussion arose as to the time of the next meeting of the Association, but pending the same, the hour of 1 o'clock having arrived, the Association took a recess of one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Bro. G. B. Allen moved to take from the table the resolution relative to time of meeting, and offered the following:

Resolved, That our Association meet on Tuesday before the last Sunday in August.

On motion of Dr. Walters, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. Ray offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of the church and community for the kind and hospitable entertainment of the Association during the present session.

On motion of Bro. Allen, the Association adjourned.

Song: "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Benediction by Bro. Jas. S. Purefoy.

SABBATH.

Sunday School Mass Meeting at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which Brethren J. S. Allen, J. M. Broughton and J. E. Ray were called on for short speeches.

In the absence of Dr. Wingate, Prof. C. E. Taylor preached the Missionary Sermon, at the stand, at 11 A. M. Text: Mark xvi: 15. Collection $24.68.

At 2 o'clock P. M., according to previous arrangement, the congregation assembled at the stand to attend the exercises of the Sunday School Institute, which was presided over by Prof. Taylor.

Exercises were opened with prayer by Bro. W. J. R. Ford.

Speeches relative to the interests of the Sunday School by Brethren L. R. Mills, J. S. Allen, J. S. Purefoy and others.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Forestville Church, Thursday before the fifth Sunday in September, 1876.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

N. B. BROUGHTON, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Association Fund.	Sunday School Board.	Total.
Brassfields,	$ 2 00	$ 4 00	$12 50	$ 3 00	.....	$21 50
Greenwood,	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Flat Rock,	.....	3 45	.....	5 00	.....	8 45
Forestville,	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Franklinton,	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50
Mt. Vernon,	.....	4 00	.....	3 60	.....	7 60
New Bethel,	5 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	21 00
New Hope,	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Raleigh,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Rolesville	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Wake X Roads,	.....	.....	.....	3 41	.....	3 41
Wake Forest,	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Wake Union, p'd to J. S. Fort,	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	2 25
Woodland,	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Hopkin's Chapel,	1 45	1 45	1 45	2 00	.....	2 00
Perry's Chapel,	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 50
	$ 8 45	$16 90	$17 95	$45 76	$ 5 00	$89 71

JAS. C. LEIGH,
S. H. CANNADY,
J. W. FORT.

The above report includes only such funds as was sent up to the Association by the Delegates.—CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total.
FIRST SECTION.												
Brassfields,	J. S. Purefoy,	N. E. Cannady,	Slab Town,	5	..	..	4	..	1	....	..	87
Perry's Chapel,	W. G. Fullford,	R. E. Gill,	Franklinton,	..	2	6	9	6	2	55	31	86
Franklinton,	W. T. Brooks,	W. H. Joyner,	Franklinton,	3	5	..	..	..	..	56	..	56
Flat Rock,	A. F. Purefoy,	R. J. Conyers,	Pacific,	4	5	1	2	5	1	212	7	279
Greenwood,	No Pastor,	A. L. Davis,	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	40	6	46
SECOND SECTION.												
Wake Union,	E. F. Beachum,	Jas. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	..	4	..	4	2	2	69	15	84
Woodland,	No Pastor,	B. H. Davis,	Forestville,	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	64
Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	Jno. D. Allen,	Neuse,	14	6	..	9	..	1	....	..	121
New Bethel,	A. F. Purefory,	S. J. Allen,	Dayton,	..	..	..	12	1	..	123	..	123
THIRD SECTION.												
Wake Forest,		C. F. Reid,	Wake Forest,	4	9	..	3	3	..	79	..	79
Forestville,	Prof. W. B. Royall,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	2	5	..	3	4	..	73	..	73
Rolesville,	A. F. Purefoy,	R. A. Freeman,	Rolesville,	4	5	..	3	1	..	223	18	241
Hopkins' Chapel,	A. F. Purefroy,	B. W. Ray,	Riley's X Roads,	15	7	..	2	4	..	188	11	199
FOURTH SECTION.												
Raleigh, First Church,	T. H. Pritchard,	T. H. Briggs, Jr.,	Raleigh,	33	5	6	47	6	4	482	..	482
Wake X Roads,	C. E. Taylor,	L. N. Ranes,	Rolesville,	9	..	..	..	2	..	186	2	188
New Hope,	A. F. Purefoy,	W. G. Riddick,	Raleigh,	15	1	..	4	..	2	121	38	159

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex officio*.

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ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

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7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shal. have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
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12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.
14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

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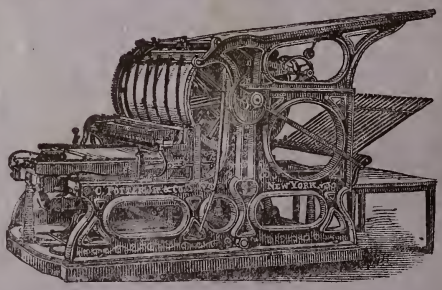

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Proceedings.

BAPTIST CHURCH, FORESTVILLE, N. C.,
Thursday, July 27th, 1876.

The Central Baptist Association meets, in its Seventeenth Annual Session, with the Baptist Church at Forestville, Wake County, N. C.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, is absent. Elder C. T. Baily, in consequence of the hoarseness of Dr. Walters, the alternate, consents to preach the Introductory Sermon, and takes as his subject: Luke XIV: 15—24.

After the sermon, the Moderator and Clerk being absent, Brother R. H. Lewis is chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and Brother L. R. Mills, Clerk *pro tem.*

On motion, the Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, July 27th, 1876.

The Association Assembles at 2 P. M.

After the congregation has sung a hymn, Dr. Wingate leads in prayer.

The Moderator calls the Association to order, and the Clerk calls the roll of churches, and reads the letters.

DELEGATES.

Brassfields—A. S. Gill, T. A. Allen, W. P. Weathers, G. L. Allen, N. E. Cannady.

Flat Rock—P. Wiggins, R. J. Conyers, W. J. Freeman, R. A. Hicks, T. J. Crocker.

Forestville—P. A. Dunn, M. E. Carver, R. H. Lewis, W. B. Dunn, W. B. Smith.

Franklinton—W. H. Mitchell, W. J. Cooke, J. T. Winston, L. W. Dent, T. H. Griffin.

Greenwood—J. S. Bailey, J. D. Davis.

**Hopkin's Chapel*—W. S. Harris, W. K. Phillips, H. V. Bunch, Riley Privett, A. P. Hopkins.

Mt. Vernon—D. D. Gill, L. C. Dunn, E. S. Dunn, J. E. Ray, Peterson Dunn.

New Bethel—W. A. Jones, W. T. Sater, O. Yearby, J. C. Carpenter, A. C. Ray.

New Hope—S. White, W. G. Riddick, B. B. Buffaloe, A. R. Buffaloe, A. Baugh.

**Perry's Chapel*—O. G. Dickens, J. W. Wilder, M A. Griffin, W. P. Perry, R. E. Gill.

Raleigh—J. M. Heck, H. Vaughan, E. A. Carver, H. Allen, J. D. Briggs.

Rolesville—J. R. Broughton, J. C. Ferrell, W. S. Broughton, S. T. Arnold, J. T. Hagwood.

Wake X Roads—W. Stell, E. R. Pace, W. W. Weathers, J. D. Peebles, G. A. Stell.

Wake Forest—J. M. Brewer, F. M. Purefoy, W. O. Allen, W. G. Simmons, L. R. Mills.

Wake Union—G. B. Allen, C. Mitchell, J. A. Winston, I. T. Holding, J. Pernell.

Woodland—J. Watkins, H. O'Neal, J. N. Lowry, J. M. Davis, W. Smith.

On motion, the Association proceeds to elect permanent officers.

Brethren J. E. Ray and W. O. Allen act as tellers.

Bro. N. E. Cannady is chosen Moderator.

Bro. L. R. Mills, Clerk and Treasurer.

Bro. J. E. Ray, Reading Clerk.

The following brethren are invited to sit with us and participate in our deliberations: Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the "Biblical Recorder," Elder E. Dodson, Agent of the Home Mission Board, Brethren J. D. Joyner, of the Appomattox Association, of Va., P. W. Johnson, of Eufaula Association, Ala., and C. W. Scarborough, of the Raleigh Association.

While the Moderator is making up the various committees, the Association engages in devotional exercises.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

On Religious Exercises.—The Pastor and Deacons of the Forestville Church.

On Finance.—Brethren W. H. Mitchell, Peterson Dunn, M. E Carver.

On State Missions.—Elder C. T. Bailey, S. White, E. S. Dunn.

On Education.—Elder W. T. Walters, A. S. Gill, J. M. Brewer.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elder W. B Royall, J. T. Winston, I. T. Holding.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder T. H. Pritchard, J. Pernell, A. Baugh.

On Periodicals.—Elders W. M. Wingate, J. S. Purefoy, and Bro. W. O. Allen.

On Place and Preachers for Next Meeting.—Brethren R. H. Lewis, G. B. Allen, W. G. Riddick.

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*Delegates not present at organization.

On motion a Committee on Home Missions is ordered. Committee—Elder E. Dodson, F. M. Purefoy, J. A. Winston.

Oak Grove and Olive Branch Churches present letters for admission. On motion, the letters are referred to a committee consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, W. T. Walters, and J. S. Purefoy.

The committee, to whom was referred the letters of Oak Grove and Olive Branch churches, reports that both of the churches have been regularly constituted, and that they are of "like faith and order."

Report is adopted, and both churches are received, and the right hand of fellowship is extended by the Moderator to the following delegates:

Olive Branch—C. W. Perry, S. Penny, S. J. Allen, G. C. Stallings, L. S. Chandler.

Oak Grove—W. T. Barrow, W. P. Edwards, J. J. Ranes, W. H. Shearon, L. G. Jordan.

On motion, it is agreed to meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12½ P. M., meet again at 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure, and to spend from 9 to 9½ A. M., in devotional exercises.

Elder Bailey annqunces that he is ready to receive subscriptions for the "Biblical Recorder." Elder E. Dodson advises all to subscribe—those who have no money, to borrow.

On motion, the report on Periodicals is made the order of business for 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The ordination of Brother J. C. Hocut being asked by the Oak Grove church. on motion, a Presbytery consisting of Elders W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters and W. M. Wingate, is appointed to examine and ordain Brother Hocut, if his examination be satisfactory.

On motion, the Association adjourns, Elder Bailey leading in prayer.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, July 28th, 1876.

The congregation sings:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Bro. W. O. Allen leads in prayer.

Dr. Wingate reads the CIII Psalm, commenting as he

reads. Remarks are made by Elders W. T. Brooks, and J. S. Purefoy.

Brother N. E. Cannady leads in prayer.

The congregation sings:

"Come thou fount of every blessing."

The Moderator calls the Association to order. The Clerk reads the proceedings of yesterday and calls the roll of delegates.

On motion, the committee on Place and Preachers for next Meeting, is instructed to re-district the Association.

Dr. Wingate reads the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is needless to repeat what is so often said, and so well known, that the *Biblical Recorder* is well worthy of the patronage of the Baptists of the State. It is more than ever necessary for our progress and for the advancement of the interest of our Lord: Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we commend with all our heart the *Biblical Recorder*.

2. That we will earnestly labor for its increased circulation in our churches.

3. That our Sabbath School paper, *Kind Words*, is suited to its work, and we commend it to our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE,
W. O. ALLEN,
J. S. PUREFOY.

After remarks by Elders E. Dodson, C. T. Bailey, T. H. Pritchard, W. T. Walters, Brethren L. R. Mills, R. H. Lewis and S. M. Stone, the report is adopted.

On motion, the following resolutions are adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommends to each church:

1. To appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to see that every family connected with it gets a copy of the *Biblical Recorder*.

2. To report in its Annual Circular Letter to this Association the number of copies of the *Biblical Recorder* taken by its members.

On motion a committee consisting of Brethren A. R. Vann and R. H. Lewis are appointed to secure subscribers to the *Biblical Recorder* during the session of this Association.

Dr. Pritchard reads the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. The dying command of the Saviour: "*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" is the grand charter of our holy religion, and is as imperatively binding now as when originally given. If, as Martin Luther said, the doctrine of

Justification by Faith is the doctrine of a rising or a falling church, so the spirit which prevails in any church in respect to the cause of missions is a sure index to its spiritual condition and prosperity.

It gives your committee, therefore, peculiar pleasure to report a healthy tone of feeling in regard to this great cause in our Southern Zion. The last session of the Southern Baptist Convention was a most inspiring missionary meeting. The Board of Foreign Missions was reported free of debt. More money had been contributed to this object than ever before, and the general tone of feeling was one of heart and hope.

The general state of our missions in foreign lands is encouraging, while very special interest seems to attach to our enterprises in China and Italy. In the latter country, Dr. George B. Taylor is slowly, but we trust, surely laying the foundations of a work which it is hoped will develop into a great blessing to that superstitious and priest-ridden people, while in China, God has given us a token of his love in the restoration of the voice of our veteran Missionary, Dr. M. T. Yates, and his return to the full work of the ministry.

The committee gratefully report that North Carolina Baptists contributed more liberally last year to the cause of Foreign Missions than ever before; but, at the same time, candor compels us to acknowledge the fact that nothing like as much was done as we are able to do. South Carolina, a much feebler State in men and means, has given to this cause more than twice as much as North Carolina.

To increase the interest of our people in this great work, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That in view of the restored health of Dr. Yates, and his return to the full work of the ministry, we renew our overture to the Raleigh Association, to unite with us in an earnest and hearty effort to support Brother Yates.

2. That we urge the sisters of our churches to organize themselves into "Women's Missionary Societies," that the strength and efficiency of the female members may be developed and the cause of missions be promoted among us.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. PERNELL,
A. BAUGH.

After remarks by Elders Pritchard, Dodson, and J. S. Purefoy, the Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Friday, July 28th, 1876.

The Association assembles at the tolling of the bell, and sings:

"Jesus, lover of my soul."

The Clerk reads the letters of Hopkin's and Perry's Chapels, giving the names of the delegates as follows:

Hopkin's Chapel.—W. S. Harris, W. K. Phillips, H. V. Bunch, R. Privett, A. P. Hopkins.

Perry's Chapel.—O. G. Dickens, J. W. Wilder, M. A. Griffin, W. P Perry, R. E. Gill.

The Association resumes the consideration of the report on Foreign Missions; and after remarks by Brethren Wingate, G. B. Allen, E. Dodson and W. B. Royall, the report is adopted.

The following resolutions are offered:

Resolved, 1. That this Association will unite with the Raleigh Association in sustaining Rev. M. T. Yates in China—each Association raising one-half of his salary.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to visit the Raleigh Association at its next session for the purpose of securing its co-operation in this matter.

After remarks by Elders W. T. Brooks, J. S. Purefoy and Brother G. B. Allen, the resolutions are adopted.

Committee, Elders T. H. Pritchard, W. M. Wingate and Brother G. B. Allen.

Dr. Wingate moves that a committee be appointed to devise a plan for raising one-half of Bro. Yates' salary and report at this session of the Association. Committee, Elders W. B. Royall, W. M. Wingate and W. T. Walters.

The Clerk reads the following resolution from the Raleigh church:

Resolved, That we desire and recommend the churches composing the Central Association to unite with the Raleigh Association, and that the body thus formed be known by the name of the Raleigh Association.

Elder Brooks moves that the resolution be indefinitely postponed. Elders Brooks and Purefoy make remarks. The motion is unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Place and Preachers for next meeting of the Association reports:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time.—Thursday before the Fifth Sunday in September.

Place.—New Hope Church, seven miles North-east of Raleigh.

Introductory Sermon.—Elder W. B. Royall. Alternate—Elder C. E. Taylor.

Missionary Sermon.—Elder T. H. Pritchard. Alternate—Elder W. M. Wingate.

REPORT ON DISTRICTS.

First District.—Brassfields, Greenwood, Perry's Chapel, Franklinton, Flat Rock.

Second District.—Wake Union, Woodland, Mt. Vernon, New Bethel, Olive Branch.

Third District.—Wake Forest, Forestville, Rolesville, Oak Grove.
Fourth District.—Raleigh, Wake X Roads, New Hope, Hopkin's Chapel.

R. H. LEWIS,
G. B. ALLEN, } Com.
W. G. RIDDICK,

Both reports are adopted.

On motion of Dr. Wingate, the speeches are limited to ten minutes.

Bro. J. B. Brewer, of the Tar River Association, is invited to a seat in our body.

Elder E. Dodson reads the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on Domestic and Indian Missions, called Home Missions, submit the following report: This Board was organized in 1845, and about 35,000 converts are the results of its missionary labors. When its missionaries went to Texas in 1846, there were about 400 Baptist there. Now there are in Texas 50,000 white and 20,000 colored Baptists.

Baptists for many years neglected towns, although Christ and his apostles preached in towns. The Epistle to the Galatians is the only one, in the New Testament, addressed to country churches. The Third Baptist church in St. Louis, Mo., with which the Southern Baptist Convention was held in 1871, and the Coliseum Church in New Orleans, with which it is to meet in 1877, were both built up by this Board, and are everlasting monuments to its memory. Numerous towns in the Southern States, and many places in the country have been cultivated by this Board. In North Carolina, Charlotte, Raleigh, Goldsborough, Newbern, Elizabeth City and Edenton have been assisted by this Board. It is said that this Board helped the Raleigh Church to support its pastor from 1844 to 1852.

At the Convention in Charlotte, in 1859, it was said that this Board paid out to N. C. $1,200 and received only $60 from the State.

You have 18 churches and 2,367 members, while some *individuals* give something every year, yet you have no column for this Board. The Raleigh Association has none for it. Not many Associations in N. C., as far as I know, have any for it. It would be a very great misfortune to the South for this Board to go down.

In 1820, J. M. Peck and James Welch, two of the greatest workers in the land, were in Missouri. The Home Board of the North was abolished that year. They left and their absence carried back the Baptist cause in the Trans-Mississippi 25 years.

People are coming from every nation to our country. Let Baptists, like the people of Moses, Exodus 23,—like the people of Paul, 2 Cor. 16 : 2,—like Oncken's Baptist in Germany, ALL work.

The poor Indians must have the Gospel. We have their lands. The island on which New York City now stands was bought from them for $8. We owe them the Gospel. But we are debtors to all.

E. DODSON,
F. M. PUREFOY,
J. M. WINSTON.

After remarks by Elders E. Dodson and W. B. Royall, the report is adopted.

Dr. Wingate moves that this Association recommend that

the churches form a column for Home Missions, in their Circular Letter.

The motion prevails.

On motion of Bro. R. H. Lewis, Article V of the Constitution is amended so as to read: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

On motion of Elder W. B. Royall, it is agreed that the minutes of the Association hereafter show the amounts contributed to the various objects of benevolence and to pastoral support.

Bro. W. H. Mitchell reads the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reports received from :

	Associational Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Brassfields	$ 3 00		
Flat Rock	4 20		
Forestville	3 00		
Franklinton	1 50		
Hopkin's Chapel	2 00	$ 3 00	$ 4 00
Greenwood	1 00		
Mt. Vernon	3 60		
New Bethel	3 60		
New Hope	2 50		
Oak Grove	2 00		
Olive Branch	1 50		
Perry's Chapel	1 50		
Raleigh	5 00		
Rolesville	4 00		
Wake X Roads	2 25		
Wake Forest	3 00		
Wake Union	2 00		
Woodland	2 00		
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W. H. MITCHELL,
PETERSON DUNN,
M. E. CARVER.

The report is adopted.

On motion of Dr. Brooks, the Clerk is ordered to print 500 copies of the minutes, and ten dollars is allowed him as a fee for his services.

Bro. R. H. Lewis reads the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee regrets the absence of the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and the want of such information in regard to this work as the Association has a right to expect. Our Secretary is hard at work in the field visiting the churches and inciting the brethren to greater interest in sending the Gospel to our less fortunate fellow-beings in the destitute sections of the State. He has done a good work for the cause of Christ and is laboring hard to meet the demands of his office and to discharge the duties we have assigned him.

The field of operations both in the East and West furnish such evidences of progress as to give us hope and encouragement, that we are not laboring in vain, and that the time is coming when the Gospel will be preached in every section of the State, and a church established in every town and village. We are advancing. We have reason to be encouraged, and to go forward in this work to which God has called us.

We regret to state that there are now before the State Mission Board, many applications for aid that cannot be rendered for want of means. The destitute fields are greatly in need of our help, and much could be done for the salvation of souls and the glory of God at these points if we only had the co-operation of the churches. The Board is in debt; and although earnest efforts have been made by the Board and the Secretary to raise this debt it still rests upon the Board and is a great hindrance to its prosperity and efficiency. We would calmly ask our brethren if they can quietly remain indifferent to the salvation of our fellow men who are at our very doors, who so urgently ask us to send to them the Gospel?

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. BAILEY,
S. WHITE,
E. S. DUNN.

Pending the motion for adoption, remarks are made by Elders E. Dodson and C. T. Bailey.

The Association adjourns, Elder J. S. Purefoy leading in prayer.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, July 29th, 1876.

The congregation sings:

"Blest be the tie that binds."

Elder Bailey leads in prayer.

The Moderator calls the Association to order. The Clerk calls the roll of delegates and reads the minutes of yesterday.

Brethren J. C. Scarborough, D. H. Graves and S. H. Hood,

of the Raleigh Association, are invited to sit with us and participate in our deliberations.

The Association resumes the consideration of the report on State Missions.

After remarks by Elders E. Dodson and W. M. Wingate, the report is adopted.

The Clerk reads the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Sixteen beneficiaries were in attendance during the last session, but on account of the embarrassed condition of the Treasury, the Board has declined to the re-appoint of several. There are now before them worthy applicants whom they cannot receive on account of a want of funds.

The State of the Treasury is as follows :

Receipts for past year	$ 896 23
Disbursements	1,320 50
Balance due Treasury for present year	$ 424 27
" " " " last "	185 60
	$ 609 87

With the above debt and the meagre contributions which are coming in, this Board will be greatly embarrassed in its operations. We hope the condition of the Board will be presented to the churches and that sufficient funds will be speedily sent in to enable it not only to prosecute this important work on the basis of the past year, but with increased vigor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WALTERS,
A. S. GILL,
J. M. BREWER.

Remarks are made by Drs. Wingate, Walters, Brooks and Brethren Mills, Scarborough, W. S. Harris, W. H. Pace and R. H. Lewis.

A collection, in cash and pledges, amounting to $170.

Dr. Brooks announces that he will pledge to raise enough in his churches for the support of one young minister.

Elder Royall announces that Forestville Church will sustain one.

The report is adopted.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

On Motion of Dr. Brooks, any member of this Association attending any sister Association, is requested to act as Corresponding Messenger from this body.

Correspondents to other Associations, at their last session, report.

Elder W. B. Royall reads the report on

PLAN FOR SUSTAINING BRO. YATES.

Resolved, 1. That as an Association we pledge ourselves to raise one-half of Bro. Yate's salary, regardless of what others may do.

2. That in order to secure concert in our prayers and efforts in this direction, we, as individuals, will use every endeavor to induce the churches to hold monthly Concerts of Prayer for Foreign Missions the first Sabbath in each month, when practicable, and when not, at such times as may be most favorable.

3. That the money collected at these meetings shall be for the support of Bro. Yates.

W. B. ROYALL,
W. M. WINGATE,
W. T. WALTERS.

The report is adopted.

Bro. J. H. Dunn, of Tar River Association, is invited to sit with us.

After singing:

"Work, for the night is coming."

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 29th, 1876.

The congregation sings:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me."

Brassfields and New Bethel churches ask for the ordination of Bro. D. A. Glenn.

On motion of Dr. Wingate, the examination and ordination of Bro. Glenn is referred to the Presbytery already appointed.

On motion of Dr. Wingate, the ordinations are to take place after the sermon on Sunday.

Elder W. B. Royall reads the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The exhibit for the past year encourages us to take a hopeful view of this department of our Associational work. The ideal standard, of course, has not been reached, and yet there have been such evident improvement and progress in the work that our report must be rather congratulatory than otherwise.

The aggregate membership of the Association is 2,342, and the whole number reported in Sunday School is 1,933. The point, we should aim to reach, is to have, as nearly as possible, all the members of the churches

actively engaged in the work, with the usually larger proportion not members of the church, would place the number far beyond the figures given. Whether, however, we can hope to see the present generation educated up to this point is exceedingly doubtful, and, therefore, the great work now before us is so to train the rising generation of boys and girls that *they* shall learn to esteem it an imperative duty and a precious privilege to devote their lives to studying and teaching God's word.

All the churches except Brassfields, Perry's Chapel, and Wake Union, report at least one school each. Mt. Vernon reports three schools, and we are informed that there is still a fourth at the Falls of Neuse which ought to be added to their list. The Raleigh church has two schools. So has Flat Rock, and we understand that there is a third under the direction of members of this church which should be included in their report. These and one or two on the intermittent plan not mentioned in the reports of the churches would swell the number in Sunday Schools so as nearly, if not quite, to reach the aggregate membership of the Association. We think we are justified in pronouncing the outlook an encouraging one.

Much is due, in the impulse given to this important interest, to the influence of our Sunday School Institutes. By some oversight, at the last meeting of the Association, no committee was appointed to have this matter in charge, but believing it to be the pleasure of the brethren that these meetings should not be discontinued, the committee continued to act in an informal way, the result being several interesting and profitable gatherings of Sunday School workers.

It is needless that your committee should prepare a homily upon the character and importance of this sphere of Christian labor. We will but express the hope that such impressions may be made upon the minds and hearts of the brethren as shall cause them to return to their churches with renewed zeal and a stronger determination to push the Sunday School work.

W. B. ROYALL,
J. T. WINSTON,
I. T HOLDING. } Com.

Pending the motion for adoption, remarks are made by Elders Royall, Wingate, and Brethren Mills, Scarborough and Ray.

The report is adopted.

On motion of Dr. Brooks, Brethren Mills, Lewis, and Royall are appointed to arrange and hold Sunday School Institutes in the bounds of the Association during the coming year.

Elder J. S. Purefoy offers the following:

Resolved, 1. That this Association request the churches to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College in raising $20,000 within our bounds for a professorship—to be called the Raleigh Professorship.

2. That this Association appoint a committee of five to aid with counsel and direction in this work.

Adopted.

Committee: Brethren W. H. Pace, W. S. Harris, S. H. Cannady, W. G. Riddick, Peterson Dunn.

On motion of Bro. J. E. Ray, the following resolution is adopted:

Resolved, That this Association tender its heartfelt thanks to this church and community for the generous hospitality extended to this body.

The Association adjourns.

SABBATH.

The rain keeps many at their homes.

At the Sunday School Mass-meeting, Brethren J. E. Ray, C. W. Scarborough, J. B. Brewer and J. C. Scarborough make short but sensible speeches.

The congregation sings:

"How beauteous are their feet."

Dr. Wingate leads in prayer, and afterwards reads a part of the first and last chapters of the Book of Jonah.

"Glorious things of thee are spoken."

Jonah I: 1–3.

Jonah as a preacher—His call to preach—His resistance—God brings a mighty trouble upon him—He preaches—A wonderful work of repentance—A preacher of *wrath*, not *grace*—A God-made preacher—In earnest—Yet a vessel of clay—His work is done, but he loses his character as a prophet—Thinks more of his little gourd-vine—his reputation—than he thinks of a great city—We think so much of some little gourd-vine and neglect the heathen. "*Doest thou well?*"

The congregation sings:

"Jesus, I love thy charming name."

Collection for Foreign Missions $13.41.

The Presbytery ordains Brethren J. C. Hocut and D. A. Glenn. Dr. Brooks leads in prayer for God's special blessings on the candidates. All of the ordained ministers present lay their hands upon the heads of the candidates, and then give them the right hand of fellowship.

The congregation sings:

"Go preach my Gospel, saith the Lord."

Dr. Walters delivers the charge. Elder W. B. Royall presents the Bibles.

Benediction by Dr. Brooks.

At 2 P. M. Bro. Mills opens the exercises of the Sunday School Institute by a short prayer.

Short speeches on Sunday School subjects are made by Brethren W. H. Pace, A. F. Purefoy, D. A. Glenn and L. R. Mills.

The Association adjourns to meet with the New Hope Church, seven miles North-east of Raleigh, Thursday before the Fifth Sunday in September, 1877.

N. E. CANNADY,
Moderator.

L. R. MILLS,
Clerk and Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	White membership.	Colored.	Total.
Brassfield's,	D. A. Glenn,	N. E. Cannady,	Slab Town	...	...	..	2	...	...	85	..	85
Flat Rock,	A. F. Purefoy,	T. J. Crocker,	Pacific	5	3	..	3	...	...	279	8	287
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	...	5	..	14	2	1	65	..	45
Franklinton,	W. T. Brooks,	W. H. Joyner,	Franklinton,	9	1	...	...	4	..	58	1	59
Greenwood,	H. Layton,	A. L. Davis,	Forestville,	...	...	..	4	..	1	39	2	41
Hopkins' Chapel,	A. F. Purefoy,	B. W. Ray,	Wakefield,	9	...	..	2	...	...	187	7	194
Mt. Vernon,	W. T. Brooks,	J D. Allen,	...	7	3	1	4	1	2	120	..	125
New Bethel,	D. A. Glenn,	W. A Jones,	Kelvyn Grove,	27	2	..	17	...	...	179	..	179
New Hope,	C. E. Taylor,	W. G. Riddick,	Raleigh,	7	2	..	12	3	1	116	36	152
Oak Grove,	J. C. Hocut,	J. J. Ranes,	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	23	..	23
Olive Branch,	W. J. R. Ford,	S. J. Allen,	Dayton,	10	33	..	...	...	..	43	..	43
Perry's Chapel,	W. G. Fulford	R. E. Gill,	Franklinton,	..	4	1	7	4	1	49	30	79
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard	D. C Dudley, Jr.	Raleigh,	34	16	..	28	..	2	513	..	513
Rolesville,	A. F. Purefoy,	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	...	7	3	25	11	2	216	..	216
Wake X Roads,	C. E. Taylor,	L. N. Ranes,	Rolesville,	1	2	1	17	5	4	159	3	162
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate,	C. F. Reid	Wake Forest,	6	13	1	17	23	..	78	..	78
Wake Union,	E. F. Beachum,	J. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	...	4	..	...	...	..	65	..	65
Woodland,	M. R. Pernell,	A. G. Lowry,	Forestville,	6	3	..	...	5	2	66	..	66
				121	103	7	152	58	16	2340	87	2427

Tabular Statement of Funds reported in Church Letters including the Report of the Committee on Finance.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Expenses.	Education.	State Missions.	Sunday School.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Seminary.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
Brassfields,	$ 100 00		$ 3 37	$ 2 60		$ 3 38	$ 11 50		$26 00	$ 146 85
Flat Rock,	200 00						13 25		29 20	242 45
Forestville,	300 00	$ 117 25	2 50	36 45		75 62			54 55	586 37
Franklinton,	175 00								41 50	216 50
Greenwood,	30 00								1 00	31 00
Hopkins' Chapel,						3 00	4 00		2 00	9 00
Mt. Vernon,	200 00								36 47	236 47
New Bethel,	100 00				$ 3 00				3 00	106 00
New Hope,	125 00	80 00	9 01	8 00	5 42	3 88			16 35	247 66
Oak Grove,									2 00	2 00
Olive Branch,	75 00	400 00							24 50	499 50
Perry's Chapel,									1 50	1 50
Raleigh,	2,500 00	643 50	366 43	1,500 00		250 00		$ 180 00	861 15	6,301 08
Rolesville,	125 00								44 00	169 00
Wake X Roads,									14 90	14 90
Wake Forest,	200 00	176 56	16 50	16 45		50 25	35 00		51 47	546 23
Wake Union,	100 00			2 50					27 00	129 50
Woodland,									2 00	2 00
	$ 4,230 00	$ 1,417 31	$ 397 81	$ 1,566 00	$ 8 42	$ 386 13	$ 63 75	$ 180 00	$ 1.215 59	$ 9,488 01

The above table is imperfect, but the best I could make out from the letters. Some churches made no report, and others did not make a full showing of what they have done.—CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the first fifth Sabbath after the fourth Sabbath in July, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak. shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

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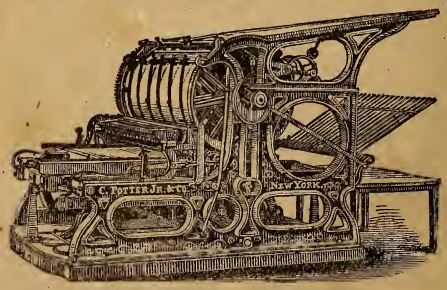

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PROCEEDINGS.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, WAKE CO., N. C.
THURSDAY, July 26, 1877.

The Central Baptist Association meets, in its Eighteenth Annual Session, at New Hope Church, Wake county, N. C.

Elder W. B. Royall preaches the Introductory Sermon from I Cor. iii : 1.

After the Sermon, the Moderator calls the Association to order and requests Bro. J. B. Richardson to conduct the religious exercises. The congregation sings a hymn and Bro. Richardson leads in prayer. The Clerk calls the roll of churches and reads the letters.

DELEGATES:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brassfields.—A. S. Gill, J. Y. Moss, L. B. Allen, G. L. Allen, N. E. Cannady.

Flat Rock.—T. J. Crocker, P. M. Harrison, Perry Wiggins, J. R. Jones, J. T. Lancaster.

Franklinton.—W. H. Mitchell, J. S. Joyner, L. W. Dent.

Perry's Chapel.—N. E. Perry, J. P. Pruitte, R. E. Gill.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Vernon.—J. D. Allen, W. G. L. Allen, John A. Honeycut, I. E Ray, L. C. Dunn.

New Bethel.—I. J. Brogden, J. R. Ray, W. T. Sater, L. L. Brogden, W. L. Nipper.

Olive Branch.—W. J. Suit, D. B. Nichols, M. D. Holloway, W. H. Holloway, R. S. Hester.

Wake Union.—Geo. Davis, G. B. Allen, Calvin Mitchell, G. M. Allen, S. W. Thompson.

Woodland.—J. W. Davis, A. C. O'Neal, G. Bridgers, J. O. Harrison, A. S. Lowry.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Forestville.—P. A. Dunn, W. B. Smith, J. F. Fort, S. M. Dunn, J. N. Holding.

Oak Grove.—L. G. Jordan, W. T. Barrow, L. L. Edward, J. J. Ranes.

Rolesville.—John Broughton, J. T. Hagwood, S. R. Braswell, S. T. Hall, M. Watkins.

Wake Forest.—F. M. Purefoy, W. O. Allen, L. R. Mills, J. M. Brewer, W. G. Simmons.

The report is received.

On motion, it is agreed to dispense with preaching at the stand to-day.

Elder J. B. Richardson reads the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Five generations have not passed away since the first Baptist Church was organized in our State. For the first fifty years the laws of North Carolina were so oppressive that Baptist principles were much hindered in their progress. Not till 1792, was there any regular Board of Missions organized. This Board, says Elder John Stadler, organized by the Country-line Association, was the first; and the contributions during the first year amounted to 13£ 2s 1d. In 1804, at old Cashie Church, in Bertie County, another Missionary Society was constituted which continued to do good work till the organization of our State Convention in 1830. Since this latter date, most remarkable success has attended the efforts of our denomination in spreading the gospel. Our numerical progress has been twice that of Virginia or South Carolina, and nearly five times that of either New York or Massachusetts. Some of the greatest workers who have lived or are now living in the South are the fruits of our missionary efforts. China, to-day, is feeling their influences. But if we look to our State alone, every centre of influence where our principles are deeply rooted, tells of the blessings of our Great Head upon our labors.

At present, our State Board has not so many Missionaries in the field as formerly. Yet Salisbury, Greensboro', Statesville, Morganton, Gastonia, Dallas, Polkton and Rockingham, with their surrounding country, are being occupied. In Tyrrell County and other sections, the Board, in connection with the Associations, is pushing its work to the best of its ability. And yet much land remaineth to be possessed. Let us give, every one of us, as the Lord prospers us, and we will be able to possess the country for Christ.

The report of our church letters show that, for the last year, we have left our State Mission work far behind our other benevolent enterprises. Brethren, this ought not to be the case. We recommend greater efforts for this work than we have put forth during the closing Associational year.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
W. B. SMITH,
ROBERT TRAYWICK,
Committee.

The report is laid upon the table and made the Special Order of business for 2 P. M.

Bro. J. E. Ray reads the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the greatest evils which threatens the peace and prosperity of our Zion, brings reproach upon the church, and gnaws at the vitals of society, is Intemperance. We regret that so little is being done by our churches to arrest its progress, and that many of our church members not only refuse to take any decided stand against Intemperance, but by their precept and example encourage it. We regret that so many professing christians do not feel called upon to sacrifice the pleasure of the social glass, and thus set a good example before the world and before their weak brethren Many hide behind the examples of prominent church members and deacons. We

heartily recommend to the churches of this Association to begin at once to rid themselves of this evil, and to remove from us the baneful influence of whiskey drinkers and sellers. We heartily commend those excellent organizations, "Good Templars" and "Friends of Temperance," and rejoice in the work which they are accomplishing.

J. R. JONES,
C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
J. E. RAY,
Committee.

After remarks by Bro. J. E. Ray, Elders J. S. Purefoy, J. R. Jones, T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Richardson, the report is adopted.

Dr. Pritchard reads the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the *Biblical Recorder* should be generally read by the Baptists of North Carolina, and for the following reasons, among others :

1. It will make the members of our churches more intelligent. Not only will it create a taste for reading in parents and children, but it will supply them with valuable information on all the current topics of the day, and thus will prove a cheap but efficient means of education.

2. As Knowledge is power they will thus become more useful members of the churches and of society. We can, of course, feel no interest in that of which we know nothing, but when we read of what the Lord's people are doing for His cause in our own State and throughout the world, new thoughts, emotions and desires are awakened in our hearts, and we will be prompted to work more faithfully, and sacrifice more freely for the honor of the Master. It is thus that the *Recorder* is the most useful and efficient Missionary agency we have in spreading abroad the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

3. Reading the *Recorder* will promote the principle of benevolence in our hearts. It is by far the best collector of money we have ever had in the field. State Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, our Schools and Colleges, all our interests, indeed, have no such friend and advocate as the *Recorder*. Those churches that read the *Recorder*, the State over, are those churches that support their pastors best, and are doing most for the cause of Christ. Bishop Marvin said, when the N. C. Conference met in Raleigh last, that he could tell by the mail books of the *Christian Advocate* what districts of the Conference had done their duty in contributing to benevolent objects. If there were TEN thousand, instead of THREE thousand, copies of the *Recorder* taken by the Baptists of North Carolina, the amount of money given to the objects of the Convention would be three or four times as great as it now is, and if we had the money we should be glad to see our Board of Missions appropriate several thousand dollars, every year, to the gratuitous, but judicious, circulation of the *Recorder*. We believe it would be a wise investment.

4. As Baptists, we ought to take the *Recorder*—it is our organ, it represents our principles—it is set for the propagation and defence of the truth as we hold it. If, then, that truth is dear to us—if the truths we hold are of priceless value to the world—we should surely sustain so potent an agency as this for their extension.

5. Our piety will be promoted by reading the *Recorder*. It contains the best thoughts of many of our best men—and there you can find sermons, essays, expositions of Scripture, with many valuable opinions on the most important questions of practical life.

6. The *Reeorder* morover, is the great bond of union between the brethren of the State. It makes them acquainted with each other, and unites their hearts, their prayers and their efforts in our general enterprises. No one can properly estimate the value of this paper in promoting harmony in our Zion, and for this, if for no other cause, we should labor to increase its circulation.

7. We present as our seventh and last reason that it is a most excellent journal, representing our own interests, and remarkably cheap, and that therefore whatever other papers we may take, this should take precedence of all others in our affections and support.

Your committee would also recommend as worthy of our patronage, the *ForeignMissionJournal*, of Richmond, and *Kind Words*, our Sunday School paper.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
W. STELL,
J. J. RANES,
Committee.

After remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. S. Purefoy, J. D. Hufham and Bro. W. H. Pace, the report is adopted.

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Friday, July 27th, 1877.

The congregation sings: "Am I a soldier of the Cross."

Letters from Mt. Vernon and New Bethel Churches are read.

The report on State Missions is taken up, and after remarks by Elders J. B. Richardson, J. D. Hufham, J. S. Purefoy and Bro. W. H. Pace, the report is adopted.

A collection amounting to $23.40 is taken up and paid over to the Committee on Finance.

Bro. J. E. Ray reads the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The reports from the churches show quite an increase in this department. In 1873, in the bounds of this Association, there were only nine Sunday Schools with an aggregate attendance of 785. Last year 21 schools with an attendance of 1,933 were reported, three churches having no schools. This year, 18 churches with a membership of 2,400 report 25 schools with an average attendance of 2,221. Every church has at least one school.

The contributions sent up by the Sunday Schools this year are far larger than ever before. This, perhaps, is due to the Little Leader plan, inaugurated by the Sunday School Board, located at Raleigh. We would heartily recommend this plan to all the Sunday Schools of the Association as best suited to raising money for furnishing outfits for schools.

There are many of our church members who take no part in this noble work—leading little ones to Jesus. We should not be satisfied until every

christian, who can, is actively engaged in the Sunday School, believing that the great work before us is to train the boys and girls to esteem it a duty and privilege to devote themselves to this noble and ennobling enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. RAY,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
W. J. SUIT,
Committee.

After remarks by Elders C. E. Taylor, W. B. Royall and Brethren J. E. Ray, W. H. Pace and L. R. Mills, the report is adopted.

Bro. W. H. Mitchell reads the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

	Minute Fund.	Fore'gn Mis'ions	State Mis'ions	Education.
Brassfields,	$ 3 00			
Flat Rock,	3 01	90	95	
Forestville,	3 00			
Franklinton,	1 50			
*Hopkins' Chapel,	2 00	1 75	1 75	1 75
Midway,	1 50			
Mt. Vernon,	3 50			
New Bethel,	3 00			
New Hope,	2 50			
Perry's Chapel,	1 00			
Raleigh,	5 00			
Rolesville,	3 40			
Wake X Roads,	3 25			
Wake Forest,	2 25			
Wake Union,	2 00			
Woodland,	2 00			
Oak Grove,	1 00			
Olive Branch,	2 40			
Collection July 27th,			18 40	
J. C. Leigh,			5 00	
	$ 45 31	2 65	26 10	1 75

W. H. MITCHELL,
P. A. DUNN,
T. J. CROCKER,
Committee.

*Amounts opposite Hopkins' Chapel were not reported by the Committee, the letter not having been received when the report was made. The Clerk inserts them.

The report is laid upon the table until 9½ A. M., to-morrow.

Bro. G. B. Allen offers the report on

PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE.—Franklinton.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Elder C. E. Taylor; Alternate, Elder J. S. Purefoy.
MISSIONARY SERMON.—Elder W. M. Wingate; Alternate, Elder A. F. Purefoy.

On motion, the Clerk is requested to report Sunday School Statistics in the minutes.

The Association adjourns, Elder J. P. Pritchard leading in prayer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 28th, 1877.

The congregation sings, "Soldiers of Christ arise." Elder Amos Weaver leads in prayer.

The report of the committee on Finance is taken up, and, after remarks by Brethren P. A. Dunn and John Armstrong, is adopted.

Preaching at the stand is dispensed with for to-day.

Brethren N. B. Broughton of the Raleigh Association, and J. W. Denmark of the Eastern, are invited to participate in our deliberations.

Elder W. B. Royall reads the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At the last session of the Association, the Board of Education was reported as due the Treasurer of the Convention $609.87. Adding to this $200 due in other directions, the entire debt amounted to more than $800. In September following, Prof. L. R. Mills was appointed Agent of the Board. Through his endeavors and the efforts of Subordinate Agencies, appointed by his recommendation, collections have been made to the amount of over $1,900. The indebtedness of the Board has been paid and ten young men have been sustained at College.

The resources of the Board are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the past session. Vigorous measures will have to be adopted to prepare for carrying on the work another year. Some of the churches of this Association have contributed with commendable liberality to this cause; others have done moderately well; while others still have done nothing.

Your Committee feel that the importance and magnitude of this work demand that it should have at least an equal showing with the other departments of christian effort, and we can but express the hope that the delegates from those churches that have contributed little or nothing, will return to their churches determined that they shall not be behind in their contributions for this object.

W. B. ROYALL,
J. S. JOYNER,
P. WIGGINS,
Committee.

Remarks are made by Elders W. B. Royall, J. R. Jones, J. B. Richardson, T. H. Pritchard, J. D. Hufham, C. E. Taylor and Brethren P. A. Dunn and L. R. Mills. During the discussion, the delegates from Mt. Vernon and Forestville churches pledge their churches to support Rev. W. T. Lewellyn at College if received by the Board of Education.

The report is adopted.

Bro. P. A. Dunn reads the

REPORT ON THE ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST.

The Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College is seeking to endow six separate Chairs or Professorships with $20,000 each. One of these is the Raleigh Chair which embraces the churches in Raleigh and in the Central Association. Two-thirds of the amount has been subscribed or paid by the brethren in Raleigh and at the College. It is now desired to raise the remaining amount from the brethren of the other churches; and we recommend this great work to the liberality of our churches. The only object of an endowment is to cheapen education and this cause therefore commends itself to the attention and assistance of all.

P. A. DUNN,
J. S. PUREFOY,
C. E. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Remarks are made by Elders C. E. Taylor and J. S. Purefoy.

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 28th, 1877.

The congregation sings, "Just as I am, without one plea."

The Clerk reads a letter from Hopkins' Chapel, sending up $2 for Minute Fund and $5.25 for the different objects of the Convention. On motion, it is ordered that the $5.25 sent up by Hopkins' Chapel be given to Foreign Missions, State Missions and Ministerial Education.

The Association resumes the consideration of the endowment of Wake Forest. Remarks are made by Bro. N. B. Broughton, Elders J. D. Hufham, T. H. Pritchard and J. S. Purefoy. The report is adopted.

Elder C. E. Taylor reads the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the last meeting of this Association it was resolved to raise within the bounds of our body one half of the salary of Rev. Matthew T. Yates,

Missionary to China. The amount reported by the letters of the churches as raised for this purpose is $414.96. This is about 20 cents each for the members of the Association. Of this amount $406.79 was raised by five churches, being about 50 cents per member. The remaining 13 churches report $8.17, which is about ⅔ of a cent each for their 1,278 members.

It becomes, therefore, the duty of your committee to make the humiliating confession that our resolution has not been redeemed, and that our effort has been a failure. The last year, it is true, has been one of unusual scarcity of money, but it is also true that there has been little or no diminution of expenses among our people for dress or living. We believe that the true cause of this failure is the lack of information among our people. Those who truly love the Saviour cannot refuse to aid in extending his kingdom on earth, when they know how it may be done by their labors or sacrifices. But we can feel no interest in that of which we have no knowledge. The great majority of our people know but little of our Missionary operations at home or abroad. We therefore recommend that our pastors seek both in public and in private to inform their people in regard to the current news of our Missionary enterprises, and that regular collections be taken for this cause in all our churches.

C. E. TAYLOR,
J. BROUGHTON,
C. MITCHELL,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders C. E. Taylor, T. H. Pritchard, J. D. Hufham, Amos Weaver and Bro. L. R. Mills. During the discussion churches and individuals pledge the amount of the deficit as follows:

Salisbury St Baptist Church,	$50 00	L. R. Mills, C. E. Taylor, W. B. Royall and Mrs. Dora Dunn, each $10,	$40 00
Franklinton Church,	15 00	J. S. Purefoy and L. C. Dunn, each $5,	10 00
Forestville "	25 00		
Mt. Vernon "	15 00	Total,	$185 00
Wake X Roads "	10 00		
New Hope "	10 00		
Rolesville "	10 00		

(The amounts pledged above have all been paid; and the Clerk has added those sums, in the Statistical Tables, to the amounts reported in the letters of the churches.)

On motion, the report is adopted.

Elder J. W. Denmark explains the object and aim of the N. C. Baptist Students' Aid Association. Remarks on the same subject are made by Elders T. H. Pritchard and J. D. Hufham.

On motion, brethren J. E. Ray, C. W. Scarborough and J. R. Jones are appointed to arrange and hold Sunday School Institutes within the bounds of the Association during the coming year.

The Clerk is ordered to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed.

The Clerk is allowed ten dollars for his services.

Elder Purefoy reads the

HISTORICAL REPORT.

The Central Association was organized Oct. 25th, 1860, at Forestville, with seven churches, viz: Flat Rock, Franklinton, and Wake Forest, from the Tar River Association; Brassfields from the Flat River; Mt. Vernon and New Hope, from the Raleigh; and Forestville, a newly formed church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Walters, from Prov. 23: 23: "Buy the truth and sell it not." The Committee to draft a Constitution and Rules of Order consisted of Elders W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters, W. Royall, R. B. Jones and Bro. David Justice. The officers elected were, N. E. Cannady, Moderator; B. W. Justice, Clerk; and S. H. Dunn, Treasurer. Executive Board:—N. E. Cannady, F. M. Purefoy, B. W. Justice, W. H. Mitchell and J. J. Freeman.

The present number of churches is 18. The net gain during the past year was 90; total membership 2,517.

Rev. W. T. Walters died Dec. 31st, 1876, in the 54th year of his age. He was born in Virginia, but graduated at Wake Forest College in 1848, and was ordained to the work of the ministry soon after. He was tutor in the College for several years and was afterwards elected Professor of Mathematics, which position he filled until exercises were suspended in 1862. After the war he resigned and devoted himself to his farm and the ministry. From 1866 to 1869 he was Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and the record of these years show him to have been a man of firm executive ability and skill. We have hardly his superior left among us. His death was a great loss to his family, the Association and the State. He was one of the truest and best Trustees of our College—ever ready to do his duty by his labor or money. On his death bed he gave the College one thousand dollars for a scholarship. He was pastor of the churches in Weldon and Littleton for several years and aided them largely in building houses of worship. At the time of his death he was pastor of Whitestone Church in Nash County, and was laboring to build a new house of worship there also.

Bro. S. C. Eaves, of Flat Rock Church, has died also. He took a leading part in the Sabbath School and all the benevolent work of his church.

Deacon Michael Thompson, of Wake Union Church, died July 22d, 1877, in the 62nd year of his age. Bro. Thompson had been in feeble health for several years, and this prevented his attending our public meetings; but as long as he was able he attended his church punctually and aided with his counsels and prayers.

The pastor of New Hope Church announces that Dr. Pritchard will preach the Missionary Sermon in the house on Sunday morning, and that Elder Weaver will preach at the stand; at 2 P. M., a Sunday School Mass-meeting will be held.

Dr. Pritchard offers the following resolution:

Resolved, that we commend to the churches the N. C. Baptist Students' Aid Association and its agent, Bro. J. W. Denmark, as worthy of the confidence and support of our people.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are tendered to the brethren and sisters of New Hope Church for their bountiful hospitality shown the members of the Association.

The Association adjourns, Dr. T. H. Pritchard leading in prayer.

SUNDAY, July 29th, 1877.

At the Sunday School Mass-meeting, short addresses are delivered by Elders D. A. Glenn, J. R. Jones, J. S. Purefoy, brethren J. E. Ray and J. S. Allen.

Dr. Pritchard preaches the Missionary Sermon from 1 Tim. 3: 5. Collection $12.17.

At 2 P. M., Bro. J. S. Allen opens the exercises of the Sunday School Institute by prayer. Short speeches are made by brethren W. H. Pace, A. F. Purefoy, John Armstrong, W. L. Wright, Amos Weaver, J. S. Allen, Daniel Scarborough, J. W. Denmark and J. E. Ray.

The Association adjourns to meet with the church at Franklinton on Thursday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July, 1878.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

L. R. MILLS, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Col'd members.	Total.
Brassfields,	D. A. Glenn,	N. E. Cannady,	Grissom,	3	..	..	2	..	2	84	..	84
Flat Rock,	A. F. Purefoy,	T. J. Crocker,	Pacific,	46	1	..	4	3	3	209	..	209
Franklinton,	C. A. Jenkens,	E. J. Ragsdale,	Franklinton,	5	..	3	1	3	..	62	1	63
Perry's Chapel,	W. J. Fulford,	R. E. Gill,	Franklinton,	...	6	1	6	1	1	48	30	78
Mt. Vernon,	C. W. Scarborough,	J. D. Allen,	Neuse,	2	2	1	2	3	..	118	..	118
New Bethel,	D. A. Glenn,	W. A Jones,	Kelvin Grove,	13	..	2	17	1	..	173	..	173
Olive Branch,	W. J. R. Ford,	S. J. Allen,	Dayton,	28	9	..	1	1	..	79	..	79
Wake Union,	E. F. Beachum,	I. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	2	3	..	1	1	1	65	..	65
Woodland,	M. R. Pernell,	A. G. Lowry,	Forestville,	15	..	1	..	..	1	65	.	65
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	8	4	1	3	1	2	73	..	73
Oak Grove,	J. C. Hocut,	J. J. Ranes,	Wake Forest,	9	1	..	1	..	..	30	..	30
Rolesville,	Amos Weaver,	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	...	3	1	8	3	4	207	...	207
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate,	C. F. Reid,	Wake Forest,	1	..	..	6	1	...	72	..	72
Hopkins' Chapel,	A. F. Purefoy,	B. W. Ray,	Wakefield,	14	1	..	5	1	1	198	..	198
Midway,	C. W. Scarborough,	J. Y. Chappell,	Raleigh,	...	..	..	...	.	..	18	..	18
New Hope,	W. L Wright,	W. G. Riddick,	Raleigh,	. .	1	..	2	2	2	112	34	146
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard,	D. C. Dudley, Jr.,	Raleigh,	27	13	4	26	15	3	514	..	514
Wake X Roads,	J. R. Jones,	H. Watkins,	Rolesville,	1	2	..	2	1	..	153	2	155
Totals,				174	46	14	87	37	20	2280	67	2347

Tabular Statement of Funds reported in Church Letters, including the Report of the Committee on Finance.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
Brassfields,	$ 100 00	$	$ 2 00	$ 26 52	$	$	$ 2 50	$ 21 00	$ 152 02
Flat Rock,	125 00	.....	.....	92	1 82	.....	5 50	3 01	136 25
Franklinton,	300 00	25 00	.....	15 00	10 00	.....	40 00	1 50	291 50
Perry's Chapel,	.....	.....	75	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00
Mt. Vernon,	150 00	.....	9 80	35 25	.....	73 00	36 15	37 70	341 90
New Bethel,	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	103 00
Olive Branch,	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 40	77 40
Wake Union,	127 00	.....	17 36	24 85	.....	.....	50 00	22 00	241 21
Woodland,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Forestville,	300 00	18 65	8 65	85 62	.....	20 00	15 00	14 75	462 67
Oak Grove,	50 00	3 75	.....	.....	.....	3 80	.....	1 00	58 55
Rolesville,	125 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	28 00	.....	10 40	173 40
Wake Forest,	200 00	67 00	45 00	130 00	45 00	33 36	115 00	17 25	657 61
Hopkin's Chapel,	.....	.....	1 75	1 75	.....	.....	26 75	2 00	32 25
Midway,	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	9 00	71 00
New Hope,	125 00	.....	89	10 00	.....	2 24	33 22	27 50	198 85
Raleigh,	2,500 00	604 25	218 75	250 00	.....	377 50	272 00	1,363 76	5,586 36
Wake X Roads,	100 00	6 95	6 75	12 00	.....	.....	27 30	3 25	156 25
Collections at Association,	.....	.....	26 44	3 04	.....	3 04	3 05	.....	35 57
	$ 4,427 00	$ 725 60	$ 338 14	$ 606 20	$ 56 82	$ 545 94	$ 638 47	$ 1,542 62	$ 8,880 79

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Number of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Brassfields,	2	120
Flat Rock,	1	73
Forestville,	1	60
Franklinton,	1	75
Hopkins' Chapel,	3	187
Mt. Vernon,	4	228
Midway,	1	88
New Bethel,	1	80
New Hope,	2	56
Oak Grove,	1	60
Olive Branch,	1	104
Perry's Chapel,	1	60
Raleigh,	1	600
Rolesville,	1	114
Wake X Roads,	1	140
Wake Forest,	1	100
Wake Union,	1	36
Woodland,	1	40
Total,	25	2,221

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the first fifth Sabbath after the fourth Sabbath in July, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

N. E. CANNADY, Brassfields, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

B. F. MONTAGUE, Raleigh, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

J. S. PUREFOY, Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRANKLINTON CHURCH, FRANKLINTON, N. C.

Thursday, September 26th, 1878.

The Central Baptist Association meets in its Nineteenth Annual Session at Franklinton Church, Franklin county, North Carolina.

Elder J. S. Purefoy preaches the Introductory Sermon from John x: 26-30:

After prayer by Elder Purefoy, the Moderator calls the Association to order. The congregation sings "Jesus lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly."

In some introductory remarks Dr. Pritchard calls to mind the goodness of the Lord to us in the past year, and urges a spirit of devotion and leads in prayer.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet again at 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, September 26th, 1878.

The congregation sings "Am I a soldier of the cross," after which the Moderator calls the Association to order.

The Clerk calls the roll of Churches and enrolls the following

DELEGATES:

FIRST DISTRICT—

Brassfields.—W. D. Allen, S. E. Dement, J. S. Bailey, L. B. Allen, J. F. Cannady.

Flat Rock.—Perry Wiggins, R. A. Hicks, W. C. Hart, W. P. Morris, A. M. Harris.

Franklinton.—B. H. Winston, N. M. Barrow, Calvin Pritchard, C. Winston, E. J. Ragsdale.

Perry's Chapel.—O. G. Dickens, W. P. Perry, N. E. Perry, R. C. Woodliff, R. F. Andrews.

SECOND DISTRICT—

Mt. Vernon.—D. D. Gill, J. E. Ray, E. S. Dunn, Jno. D. Allen, Henry Harrison.

New Bethel.—I. J. Brogden, W. A. Jones, J. C. Moore, W. L. Nipper, A. C. Ray.
Olive Branch,—J. T. Rogers, R. H. D. Gooch, Jno. C. Hocut, R. S. Hester, M. Yearby.
Wake Union.—Geo. B. Allen, J. A. Winston, Geo. W. Thompson, R. A. Griffin, Geo. Davis.
Woodland.—M. R. Pernell, Willis Smith, B. H. Davis, G. W. Smith, S. N. Little.

THIRD DISTRICT—

Forestville.—J. C. Leigh,* W. B. Smith, L. C. Dunn, A. R. Vann, D. W. Allen.
Oak Grove.—L. G. Jordan, W. T. Barrow, J. H. Pender, W. B. Pearce, J. J. Barrow.
Rolesville.—S. R. Braswell, L. B. Rogers, A. P. Upchurch, W. R. Stell, James Abbott.
Wake Forest.—J. M. Brewer, L. R. Mills, W. G. Simmons, R. H. Timberlake, J. A. Kelly.

FOURTH DISTRICT—

**Hopkins' Chapel.*—B. W. Ray, J. B. Baker, L. B. Phillips, G. B. Stallings, W. S. Harris.
Midway.—N. G. Sanderford, B. Nowell, J. Y. Chapell, D. White, J. White.
New Hope.—Jas. Harp, S. White, A Baugh, B. B. Buffaloe, M. Perry.
Raleigh.—P. F. Pescud, Sr., F. P. Hobgood, B. F. Montague, J. D. Joyner, C. B. Edwards.
Wake X Roads.—J. A. Stell, L. N. Ranes, W. E. Jones, Victor Minga, H. Watkins.

On motion, the Association proceeds to the election of officers for the ensuing year, Brethren W. B. Dunn and J. C. Leigh acting as tellers, which election results as follows:

MODERATOR.—N. E. Cannady.
CLERK AND TREASURER.—B. F. Montague.
HISTORIAN.—Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

The Moderator invites the following brethren to sit with us, and participate in our deliberations:

Elders W. R. Gwaltney, C. T. Bailey and Bro. J. S. Allen, of Raleigh Association; Elders C. A. Jenkins, J. A. Mundy and Brethren D. Wester, M. R. Pernell, of Tar River Association; and Elder J. D. Hufham, of Chowan Association.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Finance.—J. C. Leigh, E. J. Ragsdale, W. D. Allen.
State Missions.—T. H. Pritchard, Perry Wiggins, J. A. Winston.
Education.—W. M. Wingate, W. B. Dunn, E. S. Dunn.
Sabbath Schools.—J. E. Ray, J. C. Hocut, I. J. Brogden.
Foreign Missions.—W. R. Gwaltney, W. P. Perry, W. B. Smith.
Periodicals.—C. A. Jenkins, J. A. Stell, B. B. Buffaloe.
Place and Preachers for Next Meeting.—Geo. B. Allen, J. C. Hocut, A. R. Vann.
Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Franklinton church.

*Not present at organization.

A letter from the Second Baptist Sabbath School of Rolesville is read, asking a recognition in the Association. The matter is referred to a committee consisting of Brethren L. R. Mills, W. M. Wingate, J. S. Purefoy, S. White and C. A. Jenkins.

Report of Treasurer for 1877-'78 is read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT, FOR 1877-'78.

RECEIPTS

Received of Finance Committee—				
For Minute Fund,			$ 45	31
For Foreign Missions,			2	65
For State Missions,			26	10
For Education			1	75
For Foreign Missions—				
From Mrs. Dora Dunn,	$ 10	00		
" Rev. J. S. Purefoy,	5	25		
" Rev. C. E. Taylor,	10	00		
" L. R. Mills,	10	00		
" L. C. Dunn,	5	00		
" Wake X Roads church,	10	00		
" New Hope church,	10	00		
" Sunday Collection,	12	17—	72	42
Total receipts,				$ 148 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid John G. Williams, Treasurer N. C. Baptist State Convention,	$ 102	92
Paid Edwards, Broughton & Co., for Minutes,	35	00
Paid Clerk for services,	10	00
Paid Postage on Minutes,		31
Total disbursements,		$ 148 23

Respectfully submitted,
L. R. MILLS, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the Association agrees to spend the remainder of the afternoon in discussing the spiritual status of the churches of the Association. Pertinent remarks are made by brethren Mills, Allen, Bailey, Beachum, Pernell and Hocut.

It is agreed to meet at 9½ A. M., adjourn at 12½ P. M., meet at 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion, the Association adjourns, Elder C. A. Jenkins pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 27, 1878.

The congregation sings, "There is a fountain filled with blood," and Elder J. A. Mundy leads in prayer.

The Moderator calls the Association to order, the proceedings of the preceding day are read, and the roll of delegates is called.

The committee to whom the letter of the Second Baptist Sabbath School of Rolesville was submitted tender the following report, which is adopted, after remarks by brethren Mills and White:

REPORT IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT ROLESVILLE.

1st. That it would not be in accordance with Baptist usage for the Association to receive a report directly from said Sunday School.

2d As there seems to be a difficulty between the Baptist church at Rolesville and said Sunday School and as said application is signed by several members of Rolesville Baptist church, that the Association appoint an advisory council, to visit said church and Sunday School, and to arrange amicably, if possible, the matter between them.

L. R. MILLS,
W. M. WINGATE.
J. S. PUREFOY,
S WHITE.
C. A. JENKINS,
Committee.

The Moderator appoints the following as an Advisory Council: brethren W. M. Wingate, J. S. Purefoy, L. R. Mills, Geo. W. Thompson and W. H. Pace, W. B. Royall alternate.

Report of the Historian is read and adopted.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

We have great reason to thank God that while great numbers in China have been starving by famine, our country, by God's merciful providence, has been blessed with abundance, and the people within the bounds of our Association are receiving a liberal share. While the yellow fever, a pestilence that walketh in darkness, has been taking off the people of the lower valley of the Mississippi by thousands, we have enjoyed one of the healthiest years ever known. So far as known to us there has not been a death or even a case of serious illness among our ministers or deacons, and but few among the membership of the churches.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

Wake Forest College, located in our midst, can rejoice over an increase

of about fifty more students than at the same time last year. Two members of our Association, brethren J. M. Heck and Jno. G. Williams, have this year generously donated four thousand dollars each for the erection of a building at Wake Forest College, 40 feet by sixty feet, two stories high, for literary and scientific purposes, which building is nearly complete. Within our bounds are two preparatory academies, one at Forestville, taught by J. C. Caddell, the other near Daton P. O., taught by Rev. J. C. Hocut. There is a flourishing Female Seminary in Raleigh, with F. P. Hobgood as Principal. We are thankful to note an increased interest within our Association.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

We thank God for His goodness and blessings to our churches, many of them having enjoyed very precious revivals, with more than two hundred conversions during the last Associational year. We do not know of but one young licentiate preacher connected with our churches, and the question naturally arises: Who is to fill their places as the present ministers pass away?

JAS. S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

Report on Education is read and adopted, after discussion by brethren L. R. Mills, W. M. Wingate, J. D. Hufham, J. S. Allen, J. S. Purefoy, W. B. Royall and D. Wester.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The Board of Education have sustained, during the past year, thirteen beneficiaries, and have been able to secure funds to meet its liabilities. Brother L. R Mills manages its agency and correspondence with the churches. The Board hopes to enlarge its operations during the present year. It has prepared a short course of Bible study—the geography history exercises, and theology of the Scriptures, and in connection therewith, it proposes some instruction in the English language and in pastoral and church work A class of this description has been formed the present session and will no doubt be considerably enlarged in the future. The Board desire to emphasize this part of their work, and are anxious to make it available to many of those who are already in the work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. WINGATE,
WM. B. DUNN,
E. S. DUNN.

Report on Periodicals is read and adopted, after remarks by Elders Jenkins, Bailey and Hufham.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It has been the aim of your committee to select and recommend for the consideration of this body such reading matter as shall best present and defend the distinctive doctrine of the Baptist church; as shall speak to our people most faithfully the words of eternal life, and as shall bring most effectually sunshine and gladness to our homes.

In our opinion the *Biblical Recorder* is best calculated to meet the demands and needs of the Baptists of North Carolina, and for the following reasons:

1. Knowledge is making rapid strides in our State. The daily newspapers are instructing the people. Cheap and hurtful literature abounds and finds many readers easily attracted by its tinsel. The cry comes up from every section of our country for something to read. What shall the people read? Shall they feed their minds and form their opinions from the wild and reckless creeds contained in many of the periodicals they may chance to find around them? God forbid! But let us, by every means in our power, impress the Baptists of this Association with the importance of encouraging and sustaining the *Biblical Recorder*, as the most faithful exponent of their principles, and as the tireless guardian of their homes.

2. Baptists should take the *Biblical Recorder* because it teaches them their duty. Without some such medium of communication our members would know but little of Home and Foreign Missions. Upon these points the *Biblical Recorder* is the great instructor, and the careful observer will discover that where no paper which enforces the claims of missions is taken, the people care very little for missions and utterly disregard every call for benevolence.

3. By reading the *Biblical Recorder* we are brought into sympathy with all the objects of the Convention, and thus become more useful and active christians. It is also a bond of union between the brethren of the State, bringing them into nearer and dearer relations with each other.

4. The *Biblical Recorder* cannot be too highly prized as a fireside preacher—it speaks to the soul—it enters the recesses of the heart. Many a pious man has lamented the embarrassment by which he is surrounded when he attempts to speak upon eternal things with the unregenerate ones of his family; some have said that it is easier to speak to strangers than to loved ones of religion. Then a good religious paper here meets a want that nothing can, for its tongue is never silent.

We commend also as worthy of your consideration and patronage, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words*, an excellent Sunday School paper.

C. A. JENKINS,
J. A. STELL,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourned with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 27, 1878.

Report on Place and Preachers for the next Association is read and adopted.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Olive Branch as the place. Introductory Sermon, W. M. Wingate, D. D.; Alternate, Rev. A. F. Purefoy. Missionary Sermon, T. H. Pritchard, D. D.; Alternate, Rev. W. B. Royall.

C. B. ALLEN,
J C. HOCUT,
A. R. VANN.

Bro. L. R. Mills offers the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Our brethren in the Pamlico region are making earnest efforts to occupy that land for the Lord; and

WHEREAS, They are now engaged in an effort to build a house of worship at Enfield, N. C.,

Resolved, That we commend them and their enterprise to the brethren of this Association.

On motion, the above resolution is adopted. A collection is taken in aid of our Pamlico brethren. Amount collected two hundred and fifty-one ($251) dollars.

Report on Finance is read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Brassfields	$ 3 00		
Flat Rock	4 25		
Forestville	3 00		
Franklinton	1 50		
Hopkins' Chapel	2 40		
Mt. Vernon	4 25	5 00	4 00
New Bethel	3 00		
New Hope	3 00		
Oak Grove	1 00		
Olive Branch	3 50		
Perry's Chapel	1 50		
Raleigh	5 00		
Wake X Roads	2 32		
Wake Union	2 00		
Woodland	5 50		
Wake Forest	5 00		
Midway	1 50		
Rolesville	3 00		
Total Minute Fund	$ 51 72		

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEIGH,
E. J. RAGSDALE,
W. D. ALLEN,
Committee.

Report on Sabbath Schools is read and adopted, after interesting speeches by Brethren J. E. Ray, J. S. Allen, W. M. Wingate, T. H. Pritchard and C. T. Bailey.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In looking at this department of our Associational work, we feel that we have great reason for rejoicing and earnest perseverance.

The reports sent up by the churches are good, but there is a consider-

able falling off from last year's report. The number of Schools is less by five, and the attendance by nearly two hundred. There are three churches which have no schools. This ought not so to be. Now the only possible remedy is work. Let us go at it.

The contributions sent up by the churches and schools at large to the Sunday School Board of the Convention located at Raleigh, are good, but not so large as they should be. However, those from this Association are larger than from any other in the State.

The work in the State is vastly on the increase, there being as many as fifty or more new Schools established within the past year. But there are extensive sections, in various parts, in which Baptist Sunday Schools are unknown. And there are other districts, embracing whole counties, in which most of the Schools are weak and very inefficient. This arises from the fact that so many professing Christians hold themselves aloof from the work. This is deplorable; but how is it to be remedied? Brethren, you alone can answer the question.

The Little Leader plan is still doing a great deal towards aiding us in raising funds in almost every section of the State, and the outfits with which many of the Schools have furnished themselves are better generally than ever known in this State. A grander work is being done in this direction than any of us know.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. E. RAY,
J. C. HOCUT,
I. J. BROGDEN.
Committee.

Dr. A. McDowell of Chowan Association, coming in, is invited to a seat and to participate in our deliberations.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock, Elder Beachum pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 28, 1878.

The congregation sings "I love thy kingdom Lord," and Elder Hufham leads in prayer.

Moderator calls the Association to order. The roll of delegates is called and the minutes of the previous day are read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard asks permission to amend the letter from the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, which is granted.

Bro. L. R. Mills moves that a committee of one be appointed to draft a form of Church Letter to the Association, and that the Clerk be requested to have five hundred copies printed and send twelve copies to each church of the Association. The Moderator appoints on that committee Bro. L. R. Mills.

Report of committee on Sunday School Institutes is read,

discussed by Brethren J. E. Ray, J. S. Allen and S. White, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Your committee appointed at the last session of the Association beg leave to submit the following as a report of their labors:

We have endeavored to utilize the time to the best of our ability and have appointed at least two Institutes on each fifth Sunday since our last meeting. These meetings have been tolerably well attended at every place, and on some occasions the turn-out was overwhelming. We tried to arrange for one member of the committee to be at each place; but sometimes failed, owing to circumstances over which we had no control. We have one fault to find, however, and that is against some of the brethren who, being appointed to speak, made no effort to attend the meetings. This was the case in only a few instances, and we hope will be entirely remedied in the future.

Sunday School Institutes were held at Mt. Vernon, Franklinton, Oak Grove, Olive Branch, Rolesville, Forestville, New Hope, Wake X Roads, New Bethel, and Hopkins' Chapel; and we trust much good was accomplished and that the impetus thus given the cause will be followed with much labor and great results.

Respectfully,
JNO. E. RAY,
C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
J. R. JONES,
Committee.

On suggestion of Dr. Pritchard, time is allowed brethren A. McDowell, Principal of Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, to represent their several schools.

Brother A. F. Purefoy moves that the following brethren be appointed as committee on Sunday School Institutes for the next Associational year: John E. Ray, W. L. Wright and J. R. Jones.

Report on State Missions is read, discussed by Elder T. H. Pritchard, and adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The committee to whom the matter of State Missions was referred, beg leave to submit the following interesting facts:

First. As professing christians it is our duty to see that the gospel is preached to all the people of our own State. There are many sections in the State which do not enjoy adequate religious privileges--some indeed that are very destitute, and it is manifestly our privilege and duty in common, with all professing christians, to send the gospel to such persons and and places.

Secondly. As Baptists, holding peculiar religious principles, which we believe are taught in God's word, and which are absolutely essential to the integrity and full development of the gospel among men, we are under special obligations to see to it that these principles are disseminated and established in every part of the State. There are at present whole counties, and many important centres, of influence in North Carolina in which

there are either no Baptist churches at all, or if there be, they are in such a feeble condition as to need the fostering help of the denomination till such time as they shall be able to sustain themselves.

Thirdly. We submit the mighty consideration that the blessings of God have rested in an especial manner upon this department of our denominational work. Many of our strongest town churches, as well as now vigorous Associations and churches in the country, have realized aid from our State Mission Board, and the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in almost every case an abundant harvest has been reaped from the seed sown.

Fourthly. Your committee would call your attention to the character of the missionaries who now represent this work, and the importance of the fields they occupy.

From these and other considerations which might be adduced, your committee would earnestly recommend to the churches of this Association a largely increased liberality in support of the cause of State Missions.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
PERRY WIGGINS,
J. A. WINSTON,
Committee.

A collection is taken up for State Missions—amount collected $39.45.

Report on Foreign Missions is read, discussed by brethren Mills, Gwaltney and McDowell, and is adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to believe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Wherever and whenever his church has sent out her ministers, in obedience to this command of her Lord, His blessing has attended their labors. When the church at Jerusalem sent Peter and John to aid Philip in Samaria, a great work was accomplished. And other brethren sent away by the same church went as far as Antioch, and there soon a church is gathered, the first from among the Gentiles. This church sent away Paul and Barnabas, foreign missionaries, into Asia Minor and Greece, whose preaching was abundantly blessed in the salvation of men and the building up of the churches.

About eighty-five years ago, the foreign mission spirit revived, the work of modern foreign missions was undertaken, and has ever ascended. The Lord made good his word: "Go, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Has the work been a success? Burmah responds with her 80,000 converts. The land with islands, with their 60,000. China with her 14,000. And how many souls God has given to his laborers in Africa, Italy and other dark portions of the earth your committee cannot now tell; but in these lands of gross darkness, our brethren are constantly rejoicing in seeing the pleasure of the Lord prosper in their hands. To-day one missionary in India is witnessing a second Pentecost. From the 16th of last June to the 1st of August, two Baptist missionaries baptized 8,691 Teloogoos, notwithstanding the question of abandoning the mission to the tribe was seriously considered, but one year ago. In what foreign field has a faithful effort been put forth without the Divine blessing? And while we feel called on to give aid in the great work of disciplining *all* nations, we feel especially called on to give liberally to the support of our brother Yates, in China. He was brought up among us, and educated at our own college, and to-day he is the most efficient Foreign Missionary in the world.

And it must be a ground of encouragement to him, and one of pleasure to you, that last year you raised $600 towards his support. This year you have sent up for his support $409.72. There are $190.28 wanting to make the amount which you have pledged yourselves to raise. It is to be hoped that steps will be immediately taken to make up the deficit. Let us make good our pledge, and help our missionary to declare to the millions of China the unsearchable riches of Christ.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
W. P. PERRY,
W. B. SMITH,
Committee

Judge Kerr coming in is invited to participate in our deliberations.

Elder A. F. Purefoy moves that a committee be appointed to report on Temperance this afternoon. Moderator appoints Brethren A. F. Purefoy, Jno. E. Ray and M. R. Pernell.

On motion, Association adjourns to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 28th, 1878.

The congregation sings "Jesus lover of my soul."

Moderator calls the Association to order.

Committee on Sunday School Institute for to-morrow (Sunday) tenders the following report which is adopted:

REPORT ON S. S. INSTITUTE FOR SUNDAY.

Elder J. R. Jones Conductor. Speakers: Brethren J. S. Purefoy, J. K. Howell, B. F. Montague and Hon. John Kerr.

Each speaker is allowed to select a subject for himself, provided it pertains to the interest of the Sunday School work.

JNO. E. RAY, Ch'm'n Com.

Bro. L. R. Mills offered the following resolution, which is adopted.

Resolved, That this Association recommend that in raising the six hundred dollars for half the salary of Dr. M. T. Yates, of China, that each church be apportioned after the following plan, to-wit:

Salisbury street,	$ 250 00	Hopkins' Chapel,	10 00
Wake Forest,	100 00	New Bethel,	5 00
Forestville,	90 00	Olive Branch,	5 00
Franklinton,	20 00	Rolesville,	10 00
Mt. Vernon,	20 00	Woodland,	5 00
Brassfields,	15 00	Midway,	5 00
Flat Rock,	15 00	Perry's Chapel,	5 00
Wake Union,	15 00	Oak Grove,	1 00
New Hope,	15 00		
Wake X Roads,	15 00	Total,	$ 601 00

Report on Temperance is read, discussed by Brethren J. E. Ray, J. S. Purefoy, M. R. Pernell, A. F. Purefoy, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The greatest evil in our country is strong drink. It is also the worst evil in the hands of the enemy against the church. It is destroying thousands of souls every year, and is paralizing the spirit and power of our churches in many sections. We have felt it to be a barrier to Christian progress and prosperity, and recommend to each church in our Association to oppose the manufacture, sale or use, except as a medicine, which seems to be the gospel teaching.

A. F. PUREFOY,
JNO. E. RAY,
M. R. PERNELL,
Committee.

Bro. Jas. S. Purefoy offers the following resolution, which is adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are tendered to the citizens of the town of Franklinton for their bountiful hospitality shown the members of this body during its session held at this place.

On motion, the Clerk is ordered to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed.

It is moved that the Clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services.

On motion, the Association adjourns.

SUNDAY, September 29, 1878.

At 9:30 A. M., the Association is called to order, after singing, by Rev. Jas. S. Purefoy, who states that the order of the hour is a Sunday School Mass-meeting. Short addresses are delivered by Brethren A. McDowell, T. H. Pritchard and B. F. Montague.

At 11 A. M., Dr. Wingate preaches the Missionary Sermon, from Ephesians iii: 8: "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Missionary collection, $13.00.

Collection for Mrs. Conway, whose residence was accidentally burned this morning, $112.00.

At 2:30 Brother C. A. Jenkins opens the exercises with

prayer, and the Sunday School Institute is entertained by short speeches from brethren Cooke, Greene, Jenkins, Pritchard and Wingate.

The Association adjourns to meet with the church at Olive Branch, on Thursday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July, 1879.

N. E. CANNADY,
Moderator.

B. F. MONTAGUE,
Clerk and Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Number of Schools.	Average Attendance.	CHURCHES.	Number of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Brassfields,	1	....	Olive Branch,	1	75
Flat Rock,	1	56	Perry's Chapel,	1	....
Forestville,	1	65	Raleigh,	1	500
Franklinton,	1	102	Rolesville,	1	87
Hopkins's Chapel,	1	65	Wake X Roads,	1	80
Mt. Vernon,	4	193	Wake Forest,	1	100
Midway	1	81	Wake Union,	1	....
New Bethel,	1	83	Woodland,	1	65
New Hope,	1	121			
Oak Grove,	1	68	Total,	20	1651

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Members.	Col. Members.	Total.
Brassfields,	D. A. Glenn,	N. E. Cannady,	Mt. Energy,	6	36	..	4	..	1	..	..	119
Flat Rock,	A. F. Purefoy,	T. J. Crocker,	Pacific,	25	3	1	5	2	..	..	..	326
Franklinton,	C. A. Jenkins,	E. J. Ragsdale,	Franklinton,	3	9	1	4	3	..	62	1	63
Perry's Chapel,	Wm. J. Fullford,	R. E. Gill,	Franklinton,	7	1	..	2	5	2	58	26	84
Mt. Vernon,	C. W. Scarboro,	Jno. D. Allen,	Neuse,	48	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	160
New Bethel,	D. A. Glenn,	Wm. A. Jones,	Rogers' Store,	..	2	..	4	4	2	151	..	151
Olive Branch,	T. W. Young,	Sol. J. Allen,	Dayton,	27	17	..	..	1	2	124	.	124
Wake Union,	E. F. Beachum,	Jas. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	..	..	..	2	..	2	61	..	61
Woodland,	M. R. Pernell,	A. G. Watkins,	Forestville,	18	..	..	..	3	1	87	..	87
Forestville,	W B. Royall	L. Chapell,	Forestville,	1	8	..	5	5	2	67	..	67
Oak Grove,	A. F. Purefoy,	J. J. Ranes,	Wake Forest,	3	..	..	6	2	..	26	..	26
Rolesville,	J. R. Jones,	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	..	18	6	4	1	4	224	..	224
Wake Forest,	Wm. M. Wingate,	C. F. Reid,	Wake Forest,	10	7	..	5	2	..	82	..	82
Hopkins Chapel,	A. F. Purefoy,	B. W. Ray,	Wakefield,	40	2	..	3	1	1	231	..	231
Midway,	W. A. Barrett,	J. Y. Chappell,	Raleigh,	16	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	38
New Hope,	W. L. Wright,	W. G. Riddick,	Raleigh,	39	2	2	11	2	..	115	27	142
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard,	D. C. Dudley, Jr.,	Raleigh,	28	17	3	24	15	4	..	..	512
Wake X Roads,	J. R. Jones,	H. Watkins,	Rolesville,	24	3	.	3	2	1	..	..	148
				295	130	13	81	48	27	1308	74	2645

Tabular Statement of Funds reported in Church Letters.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary.	Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Misssions.	Sunday Schools.	Education.	Miscellaneous.	Total amount.
Brassfields,	$ 125 00		$ 7 70	$ 12 35	$ 6 50		$ 8 64	$ 50 00	$ 209 19
Flat Rock,	125 00		1 85	3 15				6 82	136 82
Franklinton,	400 00			20 00		$ 41 00		32 50	493 50
Perry's Chapel,			8 25	2 33				1 75	12 33
Mt. Vernon,	225 00		25 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	65 00	4 25	399 25
New Bethel,	125 00		5 00	4 00				3 00	137 00
Olive Branch,	100 00	$ 20 00			5 60		4 75	23 50	153 25
Wake Union,	115 00		18 66	15 33			55 64	52 50	257 13
Woodland,								2 50	2 50
Forestville,	300 00	192 27	34 95	80 45	6 00	64 62	56 10	77 20	811 59
Oak Grove,		5 00				8 00			13 00
Rolesville,	100 00	6 00	15 03	27 53		33 20		3 00	184 76
*Wake Forest,	200 00		11 00	82 06	26 00	27 70	91 00	262 21	699 97
Hopkins' Chapel,	75 00	400 00					12 50	2 40	489 90
Midway								1 50	1 10
New Hope,	125 00	15 90	10 85	22 47	10 00	23 25	28 37	18 50	254 33
Raleigh,	2,500 00	3,992 75	105 00	162 94		664 20	8,227 76	702 14	16,354 79
Wake X Roads,	100 00	6 70	2 05	7 12		23 25		109 97	249 09
	$ 4,615 00								$20,859 90

*This amount embraces only three quarters of the year.

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PROCEEDINGS.

OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH,
Wake County, (near Dayton P. O.,) N. C.,
Thursday Morning, August 28th, 1879.

The Central Baptist Association meets in its Twentieth Session at Olive Branch Church, Wake county, N. C.

After the usual preliminary exercises, Rev. Dr. Pritchard, of Wake Forest College, preaches the Introductory Sermon from Acts 16: 30–31.

After prayer by Rev. J. A. Pitchford and singing the Doxology, the Association adjourns to meet at 2:30 P. M., Dr. Pritchard pronouncing the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The congregation sings "Oh, for a closer walk with God," and is led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Pitchford; after which the Association is called to order, and the Clerk calls the roll of churches and enrolls the following delegates:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brassfields—S. H. Cannady, J. Estes, Z. Allen, J. F. Cannady and J. S. Bailey.

**Flat Rock*—Jas. Nowell, T. J. Crocker, W. P. Morris, L. C. Mitchiner, J. Robert Jones and G. R. Hicks.

Perry's Chapel—J. B. Pruett, R. O. Purnell, M. A. Griffin, W. S. Pruett and E. Y. Perry.

Franklinton—N. M. Barrow, C. S. Williams, J. S. Joyner, W. D. Spruill and John McGhee.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Vernon—J. D. Allen, J. E. Ray, S. E. Dunn, W. G. L. Allen and J. A. Honeycutt.

New Bethel—W. A. Jones, J. A. Holloway, W. P. Carlton, L. L. Brogden and Joseph Carpenter.

Olive Branch—Alex. Penny, Alvin Yearby, David Husketh, Washington Marshall and J. J. Ferrell.

Wake Union—Geo. B. Allen, Geo. Davis, Jas. A. Winston, R. N. Griffin and John Pernell.
Woodland—J. C. Little, John W. Cole, J. W. Davis, A. G. Lowery and R. T. Watkins.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Forestville—J. C. Leigh, John R. Dunn, D. W. Allen, L. C. Dunn and C. W. Scarborough.
Oak Grove—J. J. Ranes, W. H. Shearon, J J. Barrow and W. B. Pearce.
Rolesville—Robert A. Freeman, J. T. Hagwood, W. W. Rogers, W. H. Hagwood and J. R. Broughton.
Wake Forest—L. R. Mills, H. Montague, W. O. Allen, J. M. Davis and F. M. Purefoy.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

**Hopkins' Chapel*—(No letter.)
Midway—Berry Nowell, W. H. Peebles, N G. Sanderford, J. Y. Chapell and E. C. Beddingfield.
**New Hope*—J. S. Harp, B. B. Buffaloe and M. A. Perry.
Raleigh (Salisbury Street)—T. H. Pritchard, B. F. Montague, F. P. Hobgood and T. H. Briggs, Jr.
Wake Cross Roads—J. A. Stell, H. H. Stell, C. H. Watkins, J. E. Taylor and H. Watkins.

[*NOTE—Not present at organization.]

The election of officers for the succeeding Associational year being in order, the Moderator appointed brethren J. C. Leigh and J. S. Joyner to act as tellers. The election results as follows:

Moderator—N. E. Cannady.
Clerk and Treasurer—B. F. Montague.
Historian—James S. Purefoy.

On motion of brother L. R. Mills, the Report on Education is made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Brother J. S. Joyner moves that the time for convening and adjournment be ordered as follows: Convene at 9:30 A. M., adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; convene at 2 P. M., and adjourn at will.

Brother James S. Purefoy moves that the matter of religious exercises be referred to Rev. J. C. Hocut and the deacons of Olive Branch church, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Thomas W. Young. After discussion by brethren James S. Purefoy, L. R. Mills, C. W. Scarborough and Alex. Penny, the motion is adopted.

The following visiting brethren and representatives from

sister Associations are recognized and invited to a seat in our body:

Tar River Association—Rev. James A. Pitchford.

Raleigh Association—Brother Wm. E. Weathers.

Rev. C. T. Bailey, Editor Biblical Recorder; F. P. Hobgood, President Raleigh Female Seminary; Rev. Dr. J. B. Hartwell, Agent California Mission to the Chinese; Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College; John E. Ray, Cor. Sec. S. S. Board and Sec. Board Missions Baptist State Convention; L. R. Mills, Agent Board of Education; Rev. Jas S. Purefoy, Agent Endowment Wake Forest College.

The Moderator appoints the following committees, which are announced by the Clerk:

Finance—J. S. Joyner, J. C. Leigh and John R. Dunn.

State Missions—T. H. Pritchard, J. A. Pitchford and John Pernell.

Ministerial Education—L. R. Mills, Robert A. Freeman and J. C. Hocut.

Sabbath Schools—John E. Ray, Sol. J. Allen and Sandy Penny.

Foreign Missions—J. B. Hartwell, J. J. Barrow and J. A. Stell.

Periodicals—C. W. Scarborough, C. S. Williams and W. D. Spruill.

Place and Preachers for Next Meeting—J. C. Leigh, Geo. B. Allen and B. F. Montague.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Olive Branch Church.

On motion of brother John E. Ray, the report on State Missions is made the special order for to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of brother J. J. Ferrell, the Association adjourns until to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 29th, 1879.

The congregation sings "Come ye that love the Lord," and is led in prayer by Rev. C. T. Bailey; after which the Association is called to order, and the roll of delegates called.

The Clerk reads the proceedings of the preceding day, which are amended and approved.

The report on Sabbath School Institutes is read and adopted, on motion of brother L. R. Mills.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted this part of the Associational work, beg leave to report the following :

During the year Institutes have been held in connection with some half dozen of our churches, and a great deal of good has been thus accomplished. After due consultation with several of the leading Sunday School workers in our Association, and seeing the want of proper organization, without which we cannot succeed, your committee thought best to organize an Associational Sunday School Convention, which they proceeded to do. Consequently the chairman called a meeting, with the church at Forestville, N. C., the second Sunday, and Saturday before, in June last, which was well attended, and was a grand success. A president and four vice-presidents were elected—one from each district in the Association—whose duty it should be to have the general supervision of the Sabbath School work within our bounds, subject, of course, to this body.

Your committee would respectfully ask that this Association endorse this action of themselves, by confirming the appointment of this Executive Committee, and by further requesting this committee of the Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Central Association to report at each annual session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. E. RAY, Chairman.

The report on Periodicals is read and received, on motion of brother James A. Pitchford.

Rev. C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, is allowed ten minutes to present the claims of that paper to the Association.

The report on Education being the special order for the hour, is read by the Clerk and adopted, after speeches by brethren L. R. Mills, T. H. Pritchard and F. P. Hobgood.

Pending the discussion, the following pledges are made for

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:

L. R. Mills,		$20 00
T. H. Pritchard,		20 00
James S. Purefoy,		20 00
Mount Vernon Church,		20 00
Perry's Chapel	"	10 00
Oak Grove	"	5 00
Midway	"	5 00
Olive Branch	"	10 00
Hat Contribution,		2 05

Besides these amounts there were partial pledges from the other churches amounting to more than $500.00.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

During the last session there were twenty-two young ministers at Wake Forest College. Thirteen of these were aided by the Board of Education. The cost of maintaining our beneficiaries at college has decreased in proportion to the decline in provisions, but there has been a far greater decrease in the contributions of the churches, and the Board has not been able to meet all of its expenses for the last term. The importance of the work is so overwhelming, and the cry for aid from our young ministers is so distressing, that the Board, notwithstanding its embarrassments, has received fifteen beneficiaries for next session. And yet we ought to aid two or three times as many, to meet the demands of our denomination.

Let us give this matter our prayerful consideration, and let our prayers and alms go up together.

L. R. MILLS,
ROBT. A. FREEMAN,
JOHN C. HOCUT,
Committee.

Brother T. H. Pritchard moves that the Association adjourn until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock P. M., the Association convenes and sings, "There is a fountain filled with blood," and the Moderator calls the house to order.

The report on State Missions being the special order for the hour, is read by brother T. H. Pritchard, and, on motion of brother James S. Purefoy, is adopted after remarks by brethren C. Durham, L. R. Mills, Jas. A. Pitchford, Jno. E. Ray and James S. Purefoy.

Pending the discussion, the following pledges are made for

STATE MISSIONS:

John E. Ray,	$10 00
James S. Purefoy,	10 00
L. R. Mills,	10 00
Mt. Vernon Church,	10 00
Olive Branch "	10 00
2nd Sunday School, Rolesville,	5 00
C. W. Scarborough,	2 00
Midway Church,	2 00
Woodland "	2 00

J. W. Pernell,	2 00
Miss Mollie Harp,	50
Hat Contribution,	95

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are eighteen missionaries laboring under the direction of the Board of State Missions, at important points in different parts of the State. Brethren Hufham, Vann, Pittman and Knight have been successfully at work in the old Kehukee section, along the Roanoke. Brethren Richardson, Olive, Fontaine and H. A. Brown are under appointments in the Beulah Association. Further up are brethren J. R. Jones, A. L. Stough and J. H. Boothe. Besides these, there are many others, among whom are such men as, brethren J. B. Boone, at Statesville and Salisbury; W. T. Jordan, at Laurinburg, Rockingham and Shoe Heel; and R. A. Pittman, in the Cape Fear region. Several Associations are conducting missionary work, which do not report to the Board, as for instance, the Brushy Mountain Association, which had four men employed during the past year. For many years an active missionary spirit has distinguished our churches, and to this cause the remarkable progress of our denomination is attributed; but, "there remains yet very much land to be possessed." There are whole counties and even larger sections of country, in the East and West, in which the Baptists have little influence, and which are loudly calling for aid to sustain the cause of truth. Especially is this true of our towns and villages, in about fifty of which are feeble churches, requiring aid, or no churches at all. In conclusion, your Committee would present the consideration, that no part of our work has been blessed of the Lord in greater measure than this, and would earnestly recommend increased activity and liberality in behalf of this department of labor.

T. H. Pritchard,
Jas. A. Pitchford,
J. W. Pernell,
Committee.

On motion of brother Jas. A. Pitchford, the report on Periodicals is adopted, after speeches by brethren C. T. Bailey, J. S. Purefoy and T. H. Pritchard.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The morals of our people depend largely upon what they read. The number of State and national periodicals supported and encouraged by us, show that there is increased desire for knowledge. It is our duty to ourselves, and to the rising generation, to see, as far as we can, that our literature is pure. This can be done only by encouraging that which is pure.

In this respect, as in others, we should be proud of the *Biblical Recorder*. But this is a general claim; while on us, as a denomination, the *Biblical Recorder* has special claims. Our principles must be clearly stated, boldly and successfully defended. The masses of our denomination are wanting in sympathy with the objects of our Convention; we need very much a spirit of co-operation, or all our efforts to establish our Master's kingdom in the hearts of men will be paralized; we need to know more immediately our brethren throughout the State. These objects can only be reached through the *Biblical Recorder*—hence it has claims on us, which we cannot disregard. As an educator and a fireside preacher, we owe it a liberal patronage.

Your committee also commend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmand, Va., *Kind Words* and the *Baptist Teacher* as excellent papers.

C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
W. D. SPRUIL,
C. S. WILLIAMS.
Committee.

Brother T. H. Pritchard introduces the following resolution, which on motion of brother L. R. Mills, is made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Resolved, That this Association has learned with profound gratification, that the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have appointed Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., a missionary to the Chinese in California, and we earnestly recommend the churches of this Association to make the support of this mission a part of their regular benevolent work.

The report on Place and Preachers for the next session of this Association is read by the Clerk, and on motion of brother Jas. S. Purefoy it is adopted, after remarks by brother John E. Ray.

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of Place and Preachers for our next session, beg leave to make the following report:

Place—Rolesville, Wake County, N. C.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. C. W. Scarborough; Alternate, Rev. W. B. Royal.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. C. E. Taylor; Alternate, Rev. C. T. Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. C. LEIGH,
GEO. B ALLEN,
B. F. MONTAGUE,
Committee.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by brother J. B. Hartwell, and on motion of brother C. T. Bailey is made the special order for to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock, A. M.

The Advisory Council, appointed to visit Rolesville church, make their report through their chairman, which report is adopted, on motion of brother John E. Ray, after remarks by brother L. R. Mills.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL TO VISIT ROLESVILLE CHURCH.

The Advisory Council, to visit Rolesville church, would respectfully report: That we visited said church on Saturday before the third Sunday in November last, and advised the church not to interfere with its members engaged in the Second Sabbath School of that place, but to allow them to labor in either place. We also advised the church to utilize the Sec-

ond Sabbath School as far as possible for the good of the cause and the glory of the Master. Repectfully Submitted,

JAS. S. PUREFOY,
L. R. MILLS,
Committee.

On motion of brother John E. Ray, the Association adjourns to meet to-morrow at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. Brother J. B. Hartwell pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, Aug. 30th, 1879.

The Association meets pursuant to adjournment, and after singing "Oh for a closer walk with God," and being led in prayer by brother T. H. Pritchard, the Moderator calls the Association to order, and the Clerk calls the roll of delegates.

The minutes of the previous day are read and approved.

On motion of brother T. H. Pritchard, the members of New Hope church, visiting the Association, are requested to act as delegates, the letter from the church aforesaid not having been received.

Brother L. R. Mills moves that brethren C. W. Scarborough. S. J. Allen, J. C. Leigh, Robert A. Freeman and J. S. Joyner be appointed a committee to revise the apportionment of brother Yates' salary, and report to the Association at 12 o'clock, M.

The Clerk requests that the various Clerks of the several churches of the Association acknowledge the receipt of their apportionment of the minutes of the Association by postal card or letter when they shall have received them.

The report on Foreign Missions is re-read by brother J. B. Hartwell, and on motion of brother John E. Ray, is adopted, after remarks by brethren L. R. Mills and T. H. Pritchard:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The results of every year's work gives fresh and constantly increasing encouragement to the people of God, in their efforts to obey Christs's last command. The missionaries of the various Protestant denominations, and especially Baptist missionaries, report more conversions and baptisms within the last twelve or eighteen months than during any similar period

since the inauguration of the modern missionary enterprise. Your committee believes also, that among our churches, the spirit of missions, the spirit of liberal giving and earnest praying for the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom in foreign lands is steadily though slowly increasing. We attribute this increase under God, very largely to the increase of missionary information laid before the people. In this State, this has been effected chiefly by the *Biblical Recorder*, whose editorials and correspondence have been exceedingly valuable in this department, by the missionary agencies that for several years have been vigorously prosecuted here, by the more frequent presentation of missionary subjects by the pastors, by the Female Missionary Societies, and to some extent by the *Foreign Mission Journal*. No intelligent lover of Jesus Christ can know the facts of missionary experience, the real condition of the heathen, and the Scripture teaching in regard to our duty to the heathen, and fail to be a missionary in sympathy and in faith. And for this reason we would earnestly commend to the brethren and sisters the missionary articles in the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by our Foreign Mission Board, and such books and magazines as will keep them abreast of the times in missionary intelligence. During the last year, our missionary force on the field has been reduced to a very low figure. In China we have had through the year only two male missionaries, brother Yates, in Shanghai, and brother Graves in Canton. Brother Crawford sailed from San Francisco about July 1st, and is probably now at his post. Our work in that land has been done chiefly by missionary ladies and the native converts. The presence of brother Taylor in this country has left our Italian missions in the hands of Sig. Cocorda and the zealous native evangelists; while in Africa it is probable we have no missionary at this hour, brother Colley, as we learn, having sailed for the United States with no prospect of a return.

Our Board, however, hope this autumn to strengthen some of these stations. Brother Simmons and wife, and Miss Stein, for Canton, and brother David and wife for Africa, it is hoped will sail in October, to be followed by others, perhaps, in the spring. Brother Yates, in whose work this Association is particularly interested, feels encouraged in his work in Shanghai, and at the out-station known as Kwan San. He has baptized a number of converts and observes a marked improvement in the members of his church, evinced in the more earnest study of the Scriptures, in more vigorous efforts for the conversion of sinners, and in an increased liberality in giving for Christ. He is so much pleased with the assistant at Kwan San, that he is giving him special instruction with a view to his ordination into the ministry, and the organization, with him as pastor, of a church at Kwan San.

Your committee are happy to state that the churches of this Association have this year redeemed their pledge to raise one-half of brother Yates' salary.

Thanking God for what has been accomplished, recognizing the immense work yet before us, and looking forward with our Master to the glory He is to attain through us, let us redouble our activity in this most important department till idolatry, Mahommedanism and anti-Christ shall have fallen before Immanuel. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Hartwell,
J. J. Barrow,
J. A. Stell,
Committee.

The resolution appertaining to the Chinese Mission in California, being the special order for the hour, is re-read, and on motion of brother J. S. Purefoy, is adopted, after a speech by brother J. B. Hartwell.

Pending the discussion the following pledges were made for

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS:

T. H. Pritchard,.....	$5 00
John E. Ray,.....	5 00
W. G. Perry,.....	1 00
J. Robert Jones,.....	1 00
Hat contribution,.....	7 60

The Clerk announces that the letter from Flat Rock has been received, which is read and the delegates from said church duly enrolled.

Brother John E. Ray reads the following resolution, which is adopted, on motion of brother C. W. Scarborough:

Resolved, 1st. That instead of the usual Committees on State and Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools and Education, a *Standing* Committee be appointed, on each annual session of this body, to report at the next succeeding session.

Resolved, 2nd. That it shall be the duty of these Committees to visit the churches within the bounds of this Association in person, or correspond with them, and present the claims of their respective objects, and solicit funds for the same; reporting the results of their labors to the Association, as well as write the general reports for the consideration of this body.

Brother C. W. Scarborough reads the report of the Committee to raise the apportionment of Dr. Yates' salary for the Associational year 1879-'80, and on motion of brother J. S. Joyner, it is adopted.

REPORT ON THE REVISION OF THE APPORTIONMENT OF DR. YATES' SALARY FOR 1879-'80.

Your Committee to Revise the Apportionment of Dr. Yates' Salary for the Associational year 1879-'80, recommend the following: Raleigh (Salisbury Street), $250.00; Wake Forest, $70.00; Forestville, $60,00; Franklinton, $20.00; Mt. Vernon, $25.00; Brassfields, $20.00; Flat Rock, $25.00; Wake Union, $25.00; New Hope, $20.00; Wake Cross Roads, $20.00; Hopkins' Chapel, $20.00; New Bethel, $10.00; Olive Branch, $15.00; Rolesville, $10.00; Woodland, $5.00; Midway, $5.00; Perry's Chapel, $5.00; Oak Grove, $1.00.

C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
J. S. JOYNER,
J. C. LEIGH,
ROBERT A. FREEMAN,
S. J. ALLEN,
Committee.

Brothen W. O. Allen offers the following resolution, which is laid on the table, on motion of brother J. S. Joy-

ner, after discussion by brethren W. O. Allen, John E. Ray and J. S. Joyner.

"*Resolved*, That the system of Sunday School Institutes now in operation in this Association be discontinued and that State Missions be appointed in their stead.

Brother J. S. Joyner reads the report on Finance, which is adopted, on motion of brother C. W. Scarborough.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Names of Churches.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Brassfields'	$ 3 00		
Flat Rock,	3 00		3 65
Forestville,	3 00		
Franklinton,	1 50		
Hopkins' Chapel,			
Mt. Vernon,	4 75		
Mew Bethel,	2 60		5 00
New Hope,	3 00		
Oak Grove,	1 00		1 00
Olive Branch,	2 50		5 00
Perry's Chapel,	1 50		5 00
Raleigh	5 00		
Wake X Roads,	3 00		
Wake Union,	2 00		
Woodland,	2 00		
Wake Forest,	5 00		
Midway,	1 50		
Rolesville,	3 25		
Collection at Association,		95	

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Joyner,
J. C. Leigh,
Jno. R. Dunn,
Committee.

Report of Treasurer is read, and on motion of brother J. S. Joyner is adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1878-'79.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Finance Committee—		
For Minute Fund,.....	$ 51 72	
Total Receipts,.....		$ 51 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

To printing and binding 500 copies of Minutes,.....	$ 35 00	
" postage on same,.....	1 60	
" mailing same,.....	50	
" printing 500 copies Church Letters,.....	3 50	
" postage on same,.....	75	
" Clerk for services,.....	10 00	
Total disbursements,.....		$ 51 35
By balance on hand,.....	$	37
		$ 51 72

Repectfully submitted,
B. F. MONTAGUE, Clerk and Treasurer.

We have examined the above report of Treasurer for 1878-'79, and find it correct.

J. S. JOYNER,
J. C. LEIGH,
JNO. R. DUNN,
Committee.

The Historian reads his report, and on motion of brother John E. Ray the report is adopted.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Our Heavenly Father has granted us many blessings during the Associational year. Perhaps no year has been more healthy than this; while many sections of our country have suffered by disease and pestilence, we thank God for our deliverance.

The crops of wheat, oats, corn and cotton are a fair average. Many of the churches have, and are now, enjoying precious revivals of religion. One hundred and twenty-five have been added to our churches. Wake Forest College, located within our bounds, had quite an increase of students during the past year, numbering one hundred and seventeen. We are much pained to record the death of Dr. Washington Manly Wingate, for twenty-five years the honored President of Wake Forest College and pastor of Wake Forest Baptist church. On February 27th, 1879, he died in the fullest assurance of faith in a crucified and risen Saviour. No man within our State, in our memory of half a century, has fallen who was more extensively known or whose worth and services were more highly appreciated. Prof. W. B. Royall preached the funeral sermon in the College Chapel to the largest congregation of sympathising brethren and friends that we have ever seen gathered on a similar occasion, who in solemn procession followed his remains to their last resting place in the College cemetery, there to rest until his Saviour shall call him up to his rest and reward in Heaven. Rev. Thomas H. Pritchard, D. D., of Salisbury Street Baptist Church, of Raleigh, has been elected by the Trustees to fill his place. He

has accepted that position and will be installed on the 3rd day of September, 1879.

Rev. Thos E. Skinner has accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in Raleigh, made vacant by the removal of Dr. Pritchard to Wake Forest.

A new building, 60 by 102 feet, is now being erected at an estimated cost of $10,000, to contain five recitation rooms and a commodious chapel, 60 by 90 feet.

There are only three young licentiate ministers within our Association, E. Y. Perry and John B. Pruett, of Perry's Chapel, and Charles S. Farriss, of the Raleigh Church.

The churches at Rolesville, Flat Rock and Hopkins' Chapel have erected handsome houses of worship during the past year. We regard our outlook as quite encouraging. JAS. S. PUREFOY, Historian.

Brother John E. Ray moves that a committee of two, consisting of brethren T. H. Pritchard and Jas. S. Purefoy, be appointed to prepare resolutions relative to the death of Dr. Wingate, and that said resolutions be incorporated in our Minutes.

Brother John E. Ray moves that the collection to be taken up to-morrow be appropriated to State Missions.

Brother J. J. Barrow moves that a committee consisting of brethren John E. Ray and C. W. Scarborough be appointed on Temperance, and that they report at 2 o'clock P. M.

Brother John E. Ray moves an amendment to brother Barrow's motion, by substituting the name of J. J. Barrow in lieu of John E. Ray.

On motion of brother B. F. Montague the Association adjourns.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing "When I can read my title clear," the Moderator calls the body to order.

The report on Temperance is read by brother J. J. Barrow, and on motion of brother Jas. S. Purefoy, is adopted, after speeches by brethren J. J. Barrow and Jas. S. Purefoy.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

"*No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven.*"

J. J. BARROW,
C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
Committee.

The Moderator appoints the following Standing Commit-

tees to superintend the respective departments of labor assigned them and report at the next session of the Association:

State Missions.—John E. Ray.
Foreign Missions.—T. H. Pritchard.
Home Missions.—Wm. B. Royall.
Education.—L. R. Mills.
Sunday Schools.—C. W. Scarborough.

Brother A. F. Purefoy moves that we do not discuss the subject of Temperance at the succeeding session of the Association. After remarks by brethren A. F. Purefoy, Jas. S. Purefoy, W. O. Allen, W. A. Jones, Alex. Penny and Jno. E. Ray, the motion is withdrawn.

The report on Sunday Schools is read and adopted after discussion by brother John. E. Ray.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The general outlook in this department of our labor is exceedingly pleasing, and there never was a time in our history, as Baptists, when there were such indications of immediate success.

Last year there were organized in various portions of the State at least 52 new Baptist Sunday Schools, many of them in sections where such things were before unknown. And this year, up to the present, there have been organized nearly 40 new schools in the State, and to our knowledge nearly $6,000 have been collected and expended in this direction within the last twelve months, and at least $25,000 within the past three years.

There were $1,250 raised in the Central Association alone, last year, for Sunday School purposes, and we had 25 schools in, and in connection with, our 18 churches, each church reporting at least one school, while others had three and four, the aggregate attendance being 2,100. the church membership being 2,645. This year there are only 23 schools in our midst, 21 of which are evergreen, Wake Union, Woodland and Brassfields having none; but they aggregate 2,422 attendants. However, not more than one-fifth of these are professing Christians, which leaves more than 2,000 of our church members who never go to Sunday School. So we see there is yet work to do, and a vast amount of it, to induce even the church members to take an active part in this grand, glorious work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
S. J. ALLEN,
ALEX. PENNY,
Committee.

Brother J. S. Purefoy offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of the Olive Branch Church and vicinity, for their bountiful hospitality shown to the members of this body during its sessions.

Brother Jas. S. Purefoy moves that the Clerk be requested

to have 500 hundred copies of the Minutes printed, and that he be allowed the usual compensation for his labor.

The Association proceeds to appoint delegates to the Baptist State Convention as follows: W. D. Allen, T. J. Crocker, A. R. Vann, J. S. Joyner, Wesley Ray, E. S. Dunn, W. A. Jones, B. B. Buffaloe, J. J. Raines, S. J. Allen, W. Penny, Jas. A. Stell, Geo. B. Allen, A. G. Lowery, J. Y. Chapell, S. H. Cannady, Willie Norris, Charlie Dunn, W. H. Mitchell, W. S. Harris, W. R. Hunter, W. T. Sater, Allison Baugh, J. J. Ferrell, R. C. Woodliff, Robert A. Freeman, M. R. Pernell, Berry Nowell, L. N. Raines, A. P. Upchurch, J. A. Winston and W. W. Rogers.

On motion of brother John E. Ray, the Association adjourns to meet with the church at Rolesville on Thursday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July 1880.

Brother Jas. S. Purefoy moves that the fact be noted that there are only *eight* delegates present to participate in the closing exercises of the Association.

Closing remarks by the Moderator, prayer and benediction by Rev. A. F. Purefoy.

N. E. CANNADY,
Moderator.

B. F. MONTAGUE,
Clerk and Treasurer.

SABBATH.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was held in the morning and addresses delivered by brethren A. F. Purefoy, W. O. Allen, J. N. Holding, J. S. Purefoy and John E. Ray, after prayer by Rev. A. F. Purefoy.

Collection taken for the benefit of the Sunday School Board of the Baptist State Convention amounts to $4.50.

At 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. S. Purefoy preaches in the church from I. Peter 1: 3-5. At the stand Rev. A. F. Purefoy preaches from John 1: 42. Collection at both places for the benefit of the State Mission work, amounts to $6.66.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., an address on the subject of Education was delivered by Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Rev. WASHINGTON MANLY WINGATE, D.D., died at Wake Forest College on Thursday, February 27th, 1879, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Descended from an old and honorable Huguenot family Dr. WINGATE was born in Darlington, S. C., in 1828. He was graduated from Wake Forest College in June, 1849, and began to preach soon after. He read theology at the Furman Institute, S. C., for two years. From a brief pastorate in South Carolina, he was called to the agency of Wake Forest College in 1852. It was while laboring wisely and successfully to endow this institution that he came to be known and esteemed by the Baptists of this State. In 1854 he was chosen President of the College, which honorable and responsible position he held till the day of his death. In connection with his duties as President, he served as pastor of the College church and several others. He preached for twenty years at Franklinton, and was pastor of the Oxford Baptist church for a long time. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Columbian College, Washington, D. C., in 1867.

His last illness was brief, and his death was caused by an organic disease of the heart, aggravated by an attack of pleurisy.

As a College President, while we would not rank him with the great presidents of the land, with Dwight, of Yale, Nott, of Union, Wayland, of Brown, Anderson, of Rochester, or McCosh, of Princeton, he yet merits a respectable position among this honorable class of men. His mental characteristics admirably qualified him for imparting instruction in moral and intellectual science, the departments assigned him, and he greatly excelled as a disciplinarian. One thing is indisputable, and certainly reflects high honor upon his administration, which is that during his long presidency the moral character of the students of Wake Forest College has been of a higher tone than that of any similar institution known to us in America.

Sustaining peculiar and sacred relations as teacher and pastor, to hundreds and thousands of young men for a quarter of a century, the influence of his spotless character has proven an inspiration, prompting them to rise above the lower instincts of their nature, and to aspire after the good, the beautiful and the true. Though dead, he still lives in the blessed influence of his pure and noble character.

Dr. Wingate was a great preacher of the gospel. Preaching was the delight of his heart, and half an hour before he died he took a text and went into an exposition of it. Dr. Wingate was a man of mighty intellect, but his heart power was greater than his brain power, for his heart seemed to be always in such sweet sympathy with the Word of God that he was able to get at the meaning and spirit of a text more fully than almost any man we have ever heard.

But the crowning glory of the man was his piety. He was one of the sweetest saints we have ever known. The type of his piety was so exalted that it lifted him above the ordinary infirmities of even good men. Like his divine Master, he was meek and lowly in heart, and there seemed to be an absolute want of selfishness in his nature.

It was meet that such a life should be crowned by a beautiful and glorious death. His last day was the happiest of his life. All that day his face shone as did that of Moses when he came from the presence of God in the Mount, and when the supreme hour came the glory of God overshadowed the chamber where the good man met his fate. Just before he breathed his last he seemed to be conversing with the Saviour as though He were personally present. "O, how delightful it is. I knew you would be with me when the time came, and I knew it would be sweet, but I did not know it would be so sweet as it is." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. S. PUREFOY,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Restored.	Dis. by Let'r.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male Memb's	Female Members.	Total Membership.
Brassfields,.....	D. A. Glenn, ...	N. E. Cannady,.....	Mt. Energy,.....	7	1	3	6	1	2	37	84	121
Flat Rock,.....	A. F. Purefoy,.....	T. J. Crocker,.....	Pacific,.....	23	..	1	..	..	1	131	129	260
Flanklinton,.....	C. A. Jenkens.....	Calvin Pritchard,.....	Franklinton,.....	...	6	..	4	.	..	28	36	64
Perry's Chapel,....	Jas. A. Pitchford,.....	R. E. Gill,.....	Franklinton,.....	7	..	1	1	1	1	24	39	63
Mt. Vernon,.....	C. W. Scarborough,....	Jno. D. Allen,.....	Neuse,.....	...	1	..	4	6	2	52	106	158
New Bethel,.....	D. A. Glenn,.....	Wm. A. Jones,.....	Rogers' Store,.....	8	4	..	3	3	3	57	99	156
Olive Branch,.....	T. W. Young,.....	Sol. J. Allen,.....	Dayton,.....	3	2	..	1	3	4	55	59	114
Wake Union,.....	W. L. Wright,.....	James. A. Winston,.....	Franklinton,.....	...	1	..	1	3	1	23	34	57
Woodland,.....	M. R. Pernell,.....	A. G. Watkins,.....	Forestville,.....	17	7	..	...	2	1	45	66	111
Forestville,.....	W. B. Royall,.....	L. Chapel,.....	Forestville,.....	11	4	3	4	4	..	36	43	79
Oak Grove,.....	A. F. Purefoy,.....	J. J. Ranes,.....	Wake Forest,.....	3	..	..	2	..	1	7	16	23
Rolesville,.....	L. C. Brickhouse,.....	J. R. Broughton,.....	Rolesville,.....	...	3	2	1	1	2	74	153	227
Wake Forest,.....	.....	W. O. Allen.....	Wake Forest,.....	25	9	..	7	1	3	...	....	105
Hopkins' Chapel,...	A. F. Purefoy,.....	B. W. Ray,.....	Wakefield,.....	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	.....	
Midway,.....	W. A. Barrett,.....	J. Y. Chapell,.....	Raleigh,.....	1	2	..	9	..	..	16	16	32
New Hope,.....	W. L. Wright.....	W. G Riddick,.....	Raleigh,.....	2	6	..	9	3	1	52	64	116
Raleigh,.....	T. E. Skinner.....	John W. Purefoy,.....	Raleigh,.....	9	12	3	12	13	3	179	323	502
Wake X Roads,....	L. C. Brickhouse,.....	H. Watkins,.....	Rolesville,.....	27	..	1	2	6	1	60	105	165
				143	58	14	66	47	26	876	1372	2353

Tabular Statement of Funds Reported in Church Letters.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Amount
Brassfields'	$ 125 00	$ 12 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 15 00				3 00	$ 165 00
Flat Rock,	125 00	1,000 00		2 41	6 50				3 00	1,136 91
Franklinton,	300 00	185 00		2 50	20 00	5 00	2 36	20 00	1 50	536 36
Perry's Chapel,	84 00			2 90	5 00				1 50	93 40
Mt. Vernon,	225 00		33 50	55 25	20 15	25 00	10 00	22 95	4 75	396 60
New Bethel,	112 50				5 00				2 60	120 10
Olive Branch,	100 00	10 00			5 00				2 50	117 50
Wake Union,	100 00		6 00	9 50	46 50			27 00	2 00	191 00
Woodland,									2 00	2 00
Forestville,	250 00	25 23	13 84	13 15	90 00			25 63	3 00	430 58
Oak Grove,		3 00			1 00			50 00	1 00	55 00
Rolesville,	100 00	850 00						100 00	3 25	1,053 25
Wake Forest,	200 00	52 90	26 67	6 66	36 19		5 25	1,358 00	5 00	1,690 67
Hopkins' Chapel,		130 00	2 50	2 50	10 00				3 00	148 00
Midway,	50 00			20	4 02			2 90	1 50	58 62
New Hope,	125 00	55 00	11 79	13 58	10 88		5 00	15 20	3 00	239 45
Raleigh,	2,000 00	769 66	42 00	111 83	272 52	30 35		537 32	5 00	3,778 68
Wake X Roads,	100 00	27 25		6 00		30 35			3 00	167 60
	$ 3,996 50	$ 3,230 04	$ 161 30	$ 231 48	$ 547 76	$ 90 70	$ 22 61	$ 2,159 00	$ 50 60	$ 10,380 72

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. S. S. papers taken.	No. Months kept open.
*Brassfields,									
Flat Rock,	P. M. Harrison,	Pacific, N. C.,	1	16	142	100	400		12
Franklinton,	J. S. Joyner,	Franklinton, N. C.,	1	9	75	50	200	58	12
Perry's Chapel,	R. F. Andrews,	Franklinton, N. C.,	1	8	77	50	50	64	8
Mt. Vernon,	E. S. Dunn,	Neuse, N. C.,	3	18	125	75	200	40	12
New Bethel,	J. C. Moore,	Rogers Store, N. C.	1	6	35	25	100		12
Olive Branch,	J. F. McDuffie,	Dayton, N. C.,	1	12	97	80	80	22	10
*Wake Union,									
*Woodland,									
Forestville,	Wm. B. Smith,	Forestville, N. C.,	1	15	46	35	400	35	12
Oak Grove,	J. J. Barrow,	Pacific, N. C.	1	5	67	40	120		12
†Rolesville,	Robert A. Freeman,	Rolesville, N. C.,	2	15	146	80	150		12
*Wake Forest,	W. B. Waff,	Wake Forest, N C.,							
Hopkin's Chapel,	W. H. Ray, / L. B. Phillips, / J. B. Baker,	Wakefield, N. C., / Riley's X Roads, N. C., / Wakefield, N. C.,	3	12	240	180			8
Midway,	N. G. Sanderford,	Raleigh, N. C.,	1	6	57	35	150		12
New Hope,	S. J. Buffaloe,	" "	1	6	39	20	260	20	12
Raleigh,	W. H. Pace,	" "	1	39	488	292	1,275	350	12
Wake X Roads,	L. N. Ranes,	Wake Forest, N. C.,	1	16	107	81	100	19	12
			19	183	1,741	1,153	3,485	588	158

*Made no report. †Statistics for only one School.

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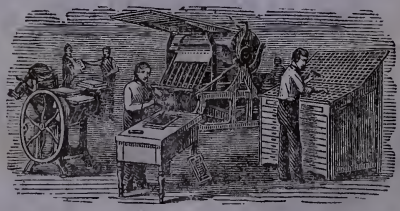

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PROCEEDINGS.

ROLESVILLE CHURCH, ROLESVILLE, N. C.,
THURSDAY, August 26th, 1880.

The Central Association meets in its Twenty-first Annual Session, at Rolesville Church, Wake county, North Carolina.

Elder W. B. Royall preaches the Introductory Sermon from Luke xvi: 8. Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M., Aug. 26th, 1880.

After religious exercises conducted by Elder J. S. Purefoy, the Association is called to order by Moderator N. E. Cannady.

At the beginning of the regular exercises, L. N. Chappell is called to the chair as Clerk *pro tem.*, and M. V. McDuffie, as Assistant.

The roll of churches is called and the following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT:

Brassfields—T. Y. Allen, L. H. Moss, J. B. Allen, J. W. Allen and Jeremiah Estes.

Flat Rock—J. E. Alford, P. M. Harrison, W. B. Morris, Perry Wiggins and A. C. Wall.

Perry's Chapel—A. D. Wester, R. O. Purnell, J. B. Pruett, E. Y. Perry and M. A. Griffin.

Franklinton—No letter.

SECOND DISTRICT:

Mt. Vernon—Robert Kimbal, D. D. Gill, Geo. Hunter, E. S. Dunn and John D. Allen.

New Bethel—J. C. Moore, I. J. Brogden, W. T. Sater, J. H. Grady and Jos. Carpenter.

Olive Branch—No letter.

Wake Union.—J. H. Watkins, G. B. Allen, J. R. Holland, Geo. Davis and J. H. Pollard.

Woodland—Willie Watkins, Joshua Watkins, B. H. Davis, J. O. Harrison and G. W. Kelly.

THIRD DISTRICT:

Forestville—J. C. Leigh, W. B. Dunn, W. B. Smith, L N. Chappell and H. G. Holding.
Rolesville—John Pearce, W. W. Rogers, N. R. Watkins, W. R. Stell and Manly Watkins.
Wake Forest—F. M. Purefoy, L. R. Mills, P. A. Dunn, W. C. Powell and W. O. Allen.

FOURTH DISTRICT:

Hopkins' Chapel—No letter.
Midway—N. G. Sanderford, J. W. White, J. S. Peebles, Wm. Holder and J. Y. Chappell.
New Hope—No letter.
Raleigh (Salisbury St.)—J. K. Howell, J. M. Heck, W. H. Pace, W N. Jones and John Armstrong.
Wake Cross Roads—Wesley Stell, Willie Watkins, Wm. Stell, H. Watkins and N. C. Ranes.

The election of officers being in order, the house is waited on by Brethren P. A. Dunn and F. M. Purefoy, with the following result: Moderator, N. E. Cannady; Clerk and Treasurer, L. N. Chappell; Historian, James S. Purefoy.

Bay Leaf church applies for admission into this Association. The motion is made and carried that, as committee to consult and report with reference to this matter, the following brethren be appointed: J. S. Purefoy, Wm. Royall and M. V. McDuffie.

The same hours are fixed upon as heretofore: Morning, convene at 9:30, adjourn at 12:30; Afternoon, convene at 2 and adjourn at will.

Moderator appoints the following committees:

Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of this church together with J. S. Purefoy.
Finance—J. C. Leigh, J. T. Hagwood and A. M. Harris.
Place and Preachers for next Session—G. B Allen, P. A. Dunn and J. J. Barrow.
Periodicals—J. S. Purefoy.
Sunday Schools—C. W. Scarborough and Wm. Royall.

After consultation, the committee appointed with reference to the reception of Bay Leaf church into this Association, kindly recommends her to our hand and fellowship.

The letter from this church is then read, in which she sends, with greeting, the following delegates: J. B. Davis and S. F. Bailey.

The report is then received, and the church granted membership in this Association.

The invitation to visiting brethren from other Associa-

tions to participate in the proceedings is accepted by Elder J. D. Huf ham of the Tar River Association.

Bro. G. B. Allen moves that a committee be appointed to re-arrange the sections of this Association. The motion is not carried.

The committee on Religious Exercises report:

Sermon, Friday 11 A. M., by Elder Hufham, in the M. E. Church.
Sermon, Friday night, by Elder Wm. Royall, in the Baptist Church.
Saturday, 11 A. M., at the Methodist Church, by Eld. M. V. McDuffie.

On motion, the Association adjourns till to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 27th, 1880.

After religious exercises conducted by Elder T. Harrison, the Association proceeds to business with the calling of the roll of delegates.

The proceedings of the previous meeting are read and amended.

Hopkins' Chapel, Olive Branch, Franklinton and New Hope churches present letters, which are read. They send the following delegates:

Hopkins' Chapel—Jesse Duke, J. B. Hicks, B. W. Ray, L. B. Phillips and J. W. Moody.
Olive Branch—R. H. D. Gooch, John Pollard, Geo. C. Stallings, J. C. Flowers and Enniss Hocutt.
Franklinton—W. D. Spruill, N. M. Barrow, C. S. Williams, S. P. Lowery and J J. Barrow.
New Hope—Sherwood White, B. B. Buffaloe, F. J. Holleway, Sidney Partin and James Shaw.

An opportunity now being given to visiting brethren from other Associotions to participate with us, the following present themselves: R. J. Buffaloe of Mt. Zion Association; T. Harrison representing Foreign Missions, N. B. Broughton representing the BIBLICAL RECORDER; Mike Whitley of Raleigh Association; J. B. Boone of South Yadkin Association.

Bro. J. S. Purefoy now moves that at 11 o'clock we adjourn in order that this morning's appointment for preach-

ing at the Methodist church may be held at the Baptist church. The motion is lost.

The report on Education is read. Bro. L. R. Mills moves it be laid on the table until the afternoon.

Report on Periodicals is read by J. S. Purefoy :

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is a good, very good paper. It is the organ of our denomination, and is a fearless and faithful defender of the truth. It is largely the educator of our denomination, and ought to be in every Baptist family in the State. It is only two dollars a year and postage. We think there is no two dollars a year spent by the family that pays better than that which is spent for the RECORDER. It benefits the father, mother, and all the children, and frequently the neighbors and the whole church.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, full of Missionary intelligence, the organ of the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is published in Richmond, Va., and is issued monthly at fifty cents a year. Each Sabbath School should be well supplied with *Kind Words*, our Sabbath School paper, published at Macon, Ga. Price : single copy, weekly $1.00, for clubs of ten, 60 cents; monthly, single copy 25 cents, clubs of ten sixteen cents per year.

JAMES S. PUREFOY.

Bro. N. B. Broughton then presented the merits of the RECORDER—its prosperity and especially its importance as a household educator.

Prof. C. E. Taylor makes this amendment to the report:

Resolved, That a committee of one member from each church be appointed to secure and forward subscriptions to the RECORDER, and that the committee be requested to report the results of their work at the meeting of the Association.

Under this resolution the following brethren are appointed :

Brassfields—T. Y. Allen.
Perry's Chapel—R. O. Pernell.
Franklinton—N. M. Barrow.
Flat Rock—W. P. Morris.
Mt. Vernon—J. D. Allen.
New Bethel—I. J. Brogden.
Olive Branch—J. C. Hocutt.
Wake Union—G. W. Davis.
Woodland—B. Davis.
Forestville—L. N. Chappell.
Rolesville—Martin Fowler.
Wake Forest—W. O. Allen.
Hopkins' Chapel—J. W. Moody.
Midway—N. G. Sanderford.
Raleigh—John Armstrong.
Wake X Roads—A J. Jones.
Bay Leaf—J. B. Davis.
New Hope—S. J. Buffalo e

Remarks on the report by Elders Pritchard, J. S. Purefoy, L. C. Brickhouse and T. Harrison, also by Bro. White.

On motion, the report is received and adopted as amended.

Bro. C. W. Scarboro reads the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We rejoice in the prosperity which has attended our efforts in this department of Christian labor. We feel that much has been done to arouse the latent strength of our churches, but that there is much to be done, work which will require the best talent and the entire co-operation and sympathy of our brethren and sisters throughout the Association, and the earnest prayer of God's people that the Spirit may accompany our efforts.

Your committee report that Sunday School Institutes have been held on the 5th Sundays; that good congregations have met us, and that we have been greatly encouraged by the manifest interest in the systematic study of the Scriptures. Many of our Sunday Schools are much better equipped than heretofore, and the spirit of aggressive work is taking hold of our people.

There have been several new branch Sunday Schools formed, and we think that there is nothing to discourage but much to encourage us in the outlook. There is one school in each church, and in some of our churches there are two and even three. In short, there is nothing, so far as your committee are able to see, for us to do but to go forward and occupy the entire field for Christ.

C. W. SCARBORO,
W. ROYALL.

Remarks are made by brethren Royall, Scarboro, Harrison and Broughton.

On the question being called, the report is received and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

Evening Session.

House called to order by Moderator N. E. Cannady.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is gratifying to report indications of increased interest throughout the State in all the departments of Education. That this is the case among our own people may be seen from the fact that during the last year there was a larger number of students at Wake Forest College than ever before.

And it is gratifying to believe that our College is fast assuming the position which in equipment, instruction and patronage it deserves to occupy. Since our last meeting, a large and commodious building has been completed, largely through the beneficence of members of our Association. But much remains to be done ere the College can reach the full measure of its efficiency, or fully realize the needs of the Baptists of North Carolina. The number, the wealth, and the liberality of our people authorize a sanguine hope that at no distant day Wake Forest College will be one of the foremost institutions of learning in the United States. The Baptists of our State are to be congratulated upon having within their borders such excellent Female Colleges as those at Thomasville, Oxford, and Murfreesboro. They are cordially commended as worthy of

patronage. There seem to be providential indications that our work for Ministerial Education should be enlarged. New applicants for assistance, whom God has called into the ministry, must within a few days be either received or rejected by the Board of Education.

This Board has already received for aid during the coming session ten young ministers who were aided last year. The fact that there are several hundred dollars yet to be paid on account of last session, will compel the Board to reject some applicants, unless large contributions be made by the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. MILLS.

Bro. Hufham offers as an amendment to this report, that the school at Wilson be additionally commended to our patronage.

The report is received and adopted as amended.

Next the subject of Ministerial Education comes before us, and the discussion of the subject is opened by Bro. L. R. Mills, followed by Bro. C. E. Taylor.

Meanwhile the following pledges are given:

Dr. Pritchard for Wake Forest Church,	$120 00
Bro. Armstrong for Raleigh Church,	120 00
Forestville Church,	25 00
Franklinton Church,	10 00
Mt. Vernon Church,	40 00
Brassfields Church,	25 00
New Bethel Church,	5 00
Olive Branch Church,	5 00
Wake Union Church,	20 00
Rolesville Church,	5 00
New Hope Church,	10 00
Bro. Judson Buffaloe, one barrel of flour.	
Sister Buffaloe,	5 00
Bro. C. W. Scarboro,	5 00
Total,	1 bbl flour and $395 00

On motion, the report on Ministerial Education is received and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our mission work claims consideration and substantial sympathy at the hands of all who pray that the Redeemer's Kingdom may come. The Home Mission Board has contributed in no small measure to the dissemination of the truth within our borders. Some of our most important and prosperous churches were once its beneficiaries. North Carolina has not been without a share in the benefits received. The present work of the Board is to reach the destitution existing among our people in parts of the country not reached by State Mission Boards, and to provide for the spiritual necessities of those in our own land who do not belong to our race, and yet for whom provision is made neither by the Foreign Mission Board nor by the State Boards. Conspicuous

among these are the Indians, to whom the indebtedness of American Christians is beyond controversy. Within the past year a mission to the Chinese in California has been established by the Board, and Bro. J. B. Hartwell has been put in the field, a man, it would seem, providentially raised up for the work.

The various fields thus occupied, we cannot afford to abandon. As long, therefore, as they are under the jurisdiction of the Home Mission Board, that Board ought to be remembered by us in our prayers and our contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ROYALL.

After some remarks, on motion, the report is received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

The first Baptist settlers in North Carolina were earnest, untiring, home missionaries. Each church was a missionary body, holding stated or occasional services at suitable places beyond its own limits. Every preacher was a home missionary going abroad as opportunity offered, preaching the gospel to the destitute, and not kept back from this work by open opposition or personal hardship and sacrifices. Operating thus without concert or co-operation, they encountered many difficulties, and labored under many disadvantages. They made rapid progress, gathered converts, and established churches in all parts of the State; but all the while they felt the need of combined effort and sought to secure it.

Fifty years ago, the Baptist State Convention was organized as an agency by which the Baptists might work together to establish the Gospel in many parts of our commonwealth. This work has been steadily kept in view, and blessed results have followed.

Year by year, new churches have been established, and feeble bodies have become self-sustaining. Many of our strongest and most helpful churches have sprung into being and grown into vigorous manhood in this way. On no department of our labors has God set the seal of his blessing more signally, or called on us more loudly to go forward. The Board has this year considerably enlarged the sphere of its operations and it is looking to us for a corresponding increase of contribution. Let us see to it that their calls be not unheeded and their expectations be not disappointed.

COMMITTEE.

A motion is made and carried that this report be laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

A petition is brought before us by Elder Pritchard, from the colored church at Wake Forest, asking contributions to aid them in the building of a house of worship. There was a collection of $25.85 made for this cause.

Committee on place and preachers for next Association report:

PLACE: Hopkins' Chapel.

FOR THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON: Elder C. A. Jenkens; Alternate, C. W. Scarboro.

FOR MISSIONARY SERMON: Elder Wm. Royall; Alternate, Elder T. E. Skinner.

GEO. B. ALLEN,
P. A. DUNN,
J. J. BARROW,
Committee.

On motion the meeting adjourns with prayer by Elder W. B. Royall.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 28th, 1880.

After religious exercises conducted by Elder C. W. Scarborough, the Association proceeds to business with remarks on the report on State Missions by C. E. Taylor, J. B. Boone and J. D. Hufham.

This is followed by contributions to aid in building churches at Rocky Mount and Salisbury:

W. O. Allen, $10; C. E. Taylor, $25; W. B. Royall, $25; W. C. Powell. $25; J. C. Leigh, $25; W. H. Pace, $25; J. S. Purefoy, $25; A. F. Purefoy, $25; N. B. Broughton, $25; Joseph Fowler, P. A. Dunn, Julius Timberlake, J. E. Alford, J. N. Holding, Mrs. John Dunn, Mrs. Lucy Rand, W. B. Smith, Robert Freeman, L. C. Dunn, $10 each; L. C. Brickhouse, J. C. Caddell, Ed. Timberlake, Mrs. B. Avera, W. D. Spruill, W. H. Mitchell, John Armstrong, W. S. Broughton, A. M. Harris, E. R. Pace, S. W. Ferrell, W. G. Riddick, Bro. Blount, W. B. Dunn, C. A. Jenkens, Mrs. Dr. Chappell, N. E. Cannady, Mrs. S. Watkins, G. W. Davis, Dr. Pritchard, Mrs. Anna Pence, Mrs. M. R. Fort, E. C. Gill, $5 each; Mrs. C. A. Buffaloe, $2; Hat collection, $18.75. Total $450.75.

On motion, the report is adopted.

A discussion follows on a proposed change of time for the meeting of the Association, which terminates for the morning with its being lost.

On motion, the Association adjourns.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session of the afternoon commences with singing "Jesus lover of my soul."

Bro. L. R. Mills offers the following: Moved that Article XII of the Constitution be amended so as to read: "The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select." The motion is carried.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Bible authority for Foreign Missions is positive and explicit; the "Thus saith the Lord" which the Baptists are so careful to draw and can

be produced. It is found in the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The great Apostle to the Gentiles tells us that "there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek"—that "they are all under sin"—and that the "same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him." But "how shall they call upon him of whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" God has blessed the modern missionary enterprise with signal success. To quote an extract from the BIBLICAL RECORDER: "It is now only about three-quarters of a century, since the beginning of Protestant Missions to the heathen—hardly a longer time than elapsed between the day of Pentecost and the writing of the last book of the New Testament. These missions have been as successful as the missions of the Apostles. So far as we can judge as many have been converted in heathen lands by modern missions as were converted under the Apostolic preaching."

There are two great needs of the foreign field—men and money. Several of our missionaries are calling for reinforcements, and we need money not only to sustain those already in the field, but to send others to their help. Dr. Yates has been in China nearly 32 years, and is growing old. He is anxious for a young man to be associated with him whom he may train for the work.

Your committee would express their hearty approval of the plan so successfully pursued by this Association for several years, whereby the half of the support of Dr. Yates has been provided for, and would earnestly recommend the prompt and faithful discharge of the obligation thus taken upon itself by the body. We regret to note that some of the churches have fallen behind their usual contributions for this object, and would respectfully suggest that the churches thus delinquent be duly notified by the Association and requested to make up the deficiency at the earliest opportunity, and that the same apportionment be continued which was made last year.

Respectfully,

T. H. PRITCHARD.

Remarks are made by Brethren Harrison, Pritchard, Brickhouse and White.

Subscriptions are taken for the *Foreign Mission Journal.* J. S. Purefoy, W. H. Hagwood and Jos. Carpenter, each secure a club of four.

On motion, the report is adopted.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

The past has been a year of health and prosperity. We have had no prevailing epidemics, and the crops are the best on the average for many years. We have to chronicle the death of Deacon David Justice, of Mt. Vernon Church. He died on the 28th day of June, 1880, in a ripe old age. He was an active, zealous Christian. In 1833 he was a delegate from Wake Liberty Church (now called Mt. Vernon) to the Baptist State Convention, held at Dockery's Meeting House, and was in frequent attendance on the subsequent meetings until bodily infirmity prevented. He was for many years a trustee and fast friend of Wake Forest College. In a time of great pecuniary embarrassment of the College by debt, he nobly contributed $500 at one time for its relief, and this donation, together with others, saved the College to the denomination. In years of confinement and affliction, he fully maintained his interest in all our be-

nevolent enterprises, and was strong in faith, giving glory to God, and died in hope of a glorious immortality. Sister Mary Justice, the wife of Bro. D. Justice, preceded her husband but a few weeks to the mansions of rest, having died on the 2d of April, 1880. Bro. Calvin Mitchell, a member of Wake Union Church, departed this life on August 2d, 1880, in the 64th year of his age. He was much esteemed as an honest, kind and useful Christian and neighbor.

The educational interest has greatly improved during the past few years, particularly in the Association and the county of Wake, in which it is principally located.

This county during the past year sent 57 students to Wake Forest College, the whole number at large being 171. One-third of the whole number were from Wake county. During the past year a large Chapel, 60x102 feet, and four large recitation rooms, with a smaller Chapel 30x70 feet, have been added to the buildings at Wake Forest College, the whole structure being called the Wingate Memorial Building. This building cost about $11,000, more than $6,000 of which was pledged by the members of this Association. It was a great pleasure to see every person in attendance at our last Commencement comfortably seated in this Chapel, enjoying the interesting exercises of the occasion.

The feeble church at Oak Grove, in Franklin county, has been dissolved, and the members have joined the churches near by.

Bay Leaf Church has this year been organized four miles west of Mt. Vernon, with thirteen members. Elder J. R. Maynard is their pastor. Prof. F. P. Hobgood has removed his female school from our midst to Oxford, where he has enlarged facilities, and is determined to make it a school of high order and well worthy of your patronage.

J. S. PUREFOY.

After remarks by Brethren Pritchard, Hobgood and Mills, on motion, the report is adopted.

Bro. Brickhouse moves that the Missionary Sermon be preached on Thursday at 11 o'clock, during each session of this Association.

Elder C. E. Taylor moves to amend the motion by striking out the clause "a missionary sermon" from Art. XIV of the Constitution.

After remarks, the motion to amend is lost.

Previous motion is carried.

Bro. C. E. Taylor offers the following resolutions, which are adopted:

Resolved, 1. That a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the holding of 5th Sunday meetings during the coming year, and to appoint the speakers for the same.

2. That the meeting on the first 5th Sunday be in the interest of Ministerial Education and Sunday Schools; the 2d in the interest of State Missions and Sunday Schools; the 3rd in interest of Foreign Missions and Sunday Schools; the 4th in interest of Sunday Schools.

Committee appointed on Sunday School Institutes: Elds. C. E. Taylor, A. F. Purefoy and C. W. Scarboro.

Bro. J. S. Purefoy moves that 500 copies of the minutes

of this Association be published, with the Constitution and By-Laws of the same, and that the Clerk be paid $15.00 for his services.

Adopted.

Resolution by W. B. Royall:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the members of the Rolesville church and the community at large for the handsome entertainment furnished during the session of the body.

Adopted.

On motion, the body adjourns to meet with the church at Hopkins' Chapel on the 4th Tuesday in August, 1881.

Doxology. Benediction is pronounced by Bro. W. B. Royall.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

L. N. CHAPPELL, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

The Sunday School Mass-meeting meets with the Rolesville Baptist Sunday School, and speeches were made by Brethren, Pace, Broughton, Boone, Royal and Holding.

At 11 o'clock A. M., Elder J. D. Hufham preaches from 1st Peter 2d chap. and part of 7th verse: "Unto you, therefore, which believe, He is precious."

Preaching at the same hour at M. E. Church, by Elder W. B. Royall.

Collection is made for Foreign and Home Missions and Ministerial Education, amounting to $16.08.

At 2.30 P. M., from 12th chap. of Mathew 26th verse, and 3d chap. of James 2d—16th verses, Elder T. H. Pritchard preached on the sins of the tongue.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for the Minute Fund,...	$49 83	
Received for Foreign Missions,.....	92 51	
Received for Home Missions,.....	5 36	
Received for Ministerial Education,.....	5 36	
Total receipts,.....		$153 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

To printing and binding 500 copies Minutes,.....	$34 83	
To Clerk for services,.....	15 00	
To C. E. Taylor for Ministerial Education, ...	5 36	
To B. F. Montague, for Home and Foreign Missions,....	97 87	
Total disbursements,.....		$153 06
By balance due at the hands of B. F. Montague,.....		37
		$153 43

Respectfully submitted,

L. N. CHAPPELL,
Clerk and Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.
7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.
14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total W.ites.	Colored.
Brassfields,	D. A. Glenn,	N. E. Cannaday,	Mt. Energy,	9	2	..	14	1	2	38	78	116	..
Flat Rock,	A. F. Purefoy,	A. M. Harris,	Pacific,	9	..	1	17	4	1	105	205	310	8
Franklinton,	C. A. Jenkens,	Calvin Pritchard,	Franklinton,	4	5	..	5	..	..	30	40	70	1
Perry's Chapel,	J. A. Pitchford,	R. E. Gill,	Franklinton,	3	3	1	1	..	..	26	44	70	25
Mt. Vernon,	C. W, Scarboro,	John D. Allen,	Neuse,	1	..	1	21	..	4	46	88	134	..
New Bethel,	O. L. Stringfield,	N. A. Jones,	Rogers' Store,	....	5	..	3	2	1	56	103	159	..
Olive Branch,	J. W. Young,	John E. Suitt,	Fish Dam,	....	1	...	5	3	2	49	55	104	
Wake Union,	C. W. Scarboro,	J. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	2	4	..	2	..	2	21	36	57	..
Woodland,	M. R. Pernell,	A. G. Watkins,	Wake Forest,	....	..	..	...	2	1	41	65	106	..
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	..	4	2	4	1	..	39	45	84	..
Rolesville,	L. C. Brickhouse,	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	29	8	3	12	3	2	89	156	245	...
Wake Forest,	T. H. Pritchard,	W. O. Allen,	W. F. College,	4	17	3	12	..	1	62	42	104	..
Hopkins Chapel,	A. F. Purefoy,	B. W. Ray,	Wakefield,	12	6	3	4	..	..	69	161	230	..
Midway,	W. A. Barrett,	J. Y. Chappell,	Raleigh,	..	1	..	....	..	..	16	17	33	...
New Hope,	C. W. Scarboro,	W. G. Riddick,	Wake Forest,	..	..	2	10	2	..	46	61	107	14
Raleigh (Salisbury St.,)	T. E. Skinner,	Henry Horton,	Raleigh	37	22	5	22	1	4	197	342	539	...
Wake X Roads,	L. C. Brickhouse,	H. Watkins,	Rolesville,	10	4	..	3	1	2	64	109	173	..
Bay Leaf,	J. R. Maynard,	S. F. Bailey,	Hutchinsons Store,	.....	1	.	....	..	..	...	....	13	..
				120	83	21	135	20	22	994	1647	2654	48

Tabular Statement of Funds Reported in Church Letters.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Indian Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Amount.
Brassfields,	$ 125 00	$ 36 25	$ 4 50	$ 4 50	*$ 29 00	$ 16 00	$	$ 95 00	$ 3 00	$ 306 25
Flat Rock,	125 00	10 00		5 00	25 00	50			2 75	142 75
Franklinton,	300 00	30 00		1 00	20 00	8 00	5 00	75 00	2 00	441 00
Perry's Chapel,	65 00		10 00		5 00			3 00	1 50	84 50
Mt. Vernon,	200 00	5 00	1 50	4 55	25 00				4 00	240 05
New Bethel,	100 00			2 60	10 00				2 00	114 60
Olive Branch,	100 00			2 50	2 50			6 00	2 00	113 00
Wake Union,	100 00	10 50	5 00	8 00	3 50				2 00	129 00
Woodland,	75 00								2 50	77 50
Forestville,	250 00	61 20		23 78	60 00	19 00		45 10	3 00	462 08
Rolesville,	100 00	287 50	9 65		11 16	10 75		8 15	3 00	430 21
Wake Forest,	200 00	154 33	81 00	42 00	113 30	8 90	11 00	5 00	16 41	631 94
Hopkins' Chapel,		22 00			10 00				2 67	230 67
Midway,	50 00	15 00	3 90		5 00			22 50	1 50	97 90
New Hope,	125 00	22 75	10 54	7 33	21 42			7 75	3 00	197 79
Raleigh	2,000 00	1,031 44	21 88	138 72					5 00	3,197 04
Wake X Roads,	100 00				10 65	21 66		6 73	3 91	141 70
Bay Leaf,		12 50							1 00	73 50
	$ 3,995 00	$ 2.026 27	$ 148 05	$ 259 98	$ 341 88	$ 84 21	$ 16 00	$ 284 23	$ 61 24	$ 7,212 48

*Yates Fund.

Sabbath School Statistics.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. Sunday School Papers taken.	No. months kept open.
Brassfields,	T. Y. Allen,	Grissom,	7	50	25	125		8
Flat Rock,	P. M. Harrison,	Pacific,	15	113	75	400		12
Franklinton,	N. M. Barrow,	Franklinton,	10	70	50	150		12
Perry's Chapel,	R. F. Andrews,	Franklinton,	6	49	25	24		9
Mt. Vernon,	E. S. Dunn,	Neuse,	7	50	30	125	20	12
New Bethel,	J. C. Moore,	Rogers' Store,	9	51	35	60		12
Olive Branch,	John C. Hocutt,	Dayton,	6	54	40	6		12
Wake Union,								
Woodland,			5	30				
Forestville,	W. B. Smith,	Forestville,	15	46	35	400	35	12
Rolesville,	W. H. Hagwood,	Rolesville,	16	108	70	200		12
Wake Forest,	Not stated,		17	110	97	187	146	12
Hopkin's Chapel,	W. R. Phillips,	Riley's X Roads,	5	75	50			9
Midway,	N. G. Sanderford,	Raleigh,	8	63	50	100	20	12
New Hope,	Madison Baugh,	Raleigh,	5	35	30	270	12	12
Raleigh,	J. M. Heck,	Raleigh	34	450	300	1400	350	12
Wake X Roads,	L. N. Ranes,	Rolesville,	6	101	89	100		12
Bay Leaf,								
			181	1,455	1,001	3567	583	

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Ministers and Officers.

Ordained Ministers.

Elder	W. T. BROOKS, D. D.,	Wake Forest,	N. C.
"	A. F. PUREFOY,	"	"
"	C. W. SCARBOROUGH,	"	"
"	J. S. PUREFOY,	"	"
"	W. B. ROYALL,	"	"
"	T. H. PRITCHARD, D. D.	"	"
"	WM. ROYALL, D. D.,	"	"
"	T. E. SKINNER, D. D.,	Raleigh,	"
"	C. E. TAYLOR,	Wake Forest,	"
"	A. G. McMANAWAY,	Louisburg,	"
"	J. C. HOCUT,	Dayton,	"
"	O. L. STRINGFIELD,	Wake Forest,	"
"	E. F. BEACHUM,	Franklinton	"

Officers.

Moderator:

N. E. CANNADY, ... Brassfields, N. C.

Clerk and Treasurer:

J. N. HOLDING, ... Raleigh, N. C.

Historian:

J. S. PUREFOY, ... Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

HOPKINS' CHAPEL CHURCH,

TUESDAY, August 23, 1881.

The Central Association meets in its twenty-second annual session at Hopkins Chapel Church, Wake county, N. C.

Elder C. W. Scarborough preaches the Introductory sermon from Galatians ii: 20.

The Association is then called to order by Moderator N. E. Cannady. Prayer by Dr. Wm. Boyall.

J. N. Holding is elected Clerk *pro tem.*, and John E. Ray is called to the chair as Reading Clerk.

The roll of churches is called, and the following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT:*

Brassfields—James B. Allen, I. S. Bailey, S. H. Cannady, Dr. T. B. Laurence and J. E. Gill.

Flat Rock—Abram Frazier, W. C. Hart, W. P. Morris, W. B. Allen, Perry Wiggins, Aldridge Holmes and Joseph Alford.

Perry's Chapel—R. O. Purnell, M. A. Griffin, J. A. Duke and R. E. Gill.

Franklinton—No letter.

SECOND DISTRICT:

Mt. Vernon—D. D. Gill, George Hunter, John E. Ray, John D. Allen and W. G. L. Allen.

New Bethel—No letter.

Olive Branch—J. M. Pollard, S. J. Ferrell, R. S. Hester, Lafayette Stallings and W. A. Yearby.

Wake Union—J. H. Watkins, Joseph Rogers, George W. Thompson, R. N. Griffin and George B. Allen.

Woodland—A. G. Watkins, Willis Smith, Hardy O'neal, Wesley Davis and Chesley O'Neal.

THIRD DISTRICT:

Forestville—James C. Leigh, W. B. Smith, D. W. Allen, W. B. Dunn and S. H. Dunn.

Rolesville—No letter.

Wake Forest—P. A. Dunn, W. O. Allen, L. R. Mills, R. L. Brewer and W. C. Lankford.

FOURTH DISTRICT:

Hopkins Chapel—W. K. Phillips, J. Duke, J. D. Ferrell, Boldy Baker and W. H. Ray.

*For new arrangement, see page 12.

Midway—N. G. Sanderford, J. S. Peebles, J. W. White, Riley Bunn and W. H. Peebles.
New Hope—James Harp, Sherwood White, W. D. Terry, R. J. Buffaloe and Robert Baugh.
Raleigh (Salisbury Street)—W. N. Jones, T. J. Wiggs, J. N. Holding, Jesse F. Taylor, W. W. Holden, J. S. Hampton and E. F. Wyatt.
Wake Cross Roads—W. W. Weathers, W. P. O'Neal, W. G. Marcom, N. C. Ranes and V. Mingia.
Bay Leaf—J. M. Adams, J. E. Taylor and G. D. Bailey.

The election of officers being in order, the house is waited on by Brethren James C. Leigh and P. A. Dunn with the following result: Moderator, N. E. Cannady; Clerk and Treasurer, J. N. Holding; Historian, J. S. Purefoy.

Youngsville church applies for admission into this Association. On motion, the application is referred to a committee of five to consider and report with reference thereto. The following brethren are appointed: J. S. Purefoy, L. R. Mills, C. W. Scarborough, W. R. Stell and Joseph Rogers.

On motion, the Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

House called to order by Moderator N. E. Cannady. New Bethel, Rolesville and Franklinton churches presented letters which are read. They send the following delegates:

New Bethel.—R. J. Ray, J. C. Moore, A. C. Ray, J. D. R. Allen and J. C. Bon.
Rolesville.—M. L. Fowler, J. T. Hagwood, C. D. Jones, Manly Watkins and W. R. Stell.
Franklinton.—W. H. Mitchell, H. S. Lowry, W. H. Beddingfield, J. S. Joyner and J. J. Barrow.

The Moderator extends an invitation to visiting brethren from other Associations to take seats with the delegates, and participate in the proceedings of this Association, which is accepted by J. D. Hufham and J. A. Coppedge from the Tar River Association, and F. P. Hobgood from the Flat River Association.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises.—C. W. Scarborough and the Deacons of Hopkins' Chapel church.
Finance.—J. S. Joyner, P. A. Dunn and J. C. Leigh.
Periodicals.—Dr. Wm. Royall, J. E. Ray and J. T. Rogers.

Place and Preachers for next Meeting.—W. H. Mitchell, R. O. Purnell and Perry Wiggins.
Sunday Schools.—C. W. Scarborough, Geo. Hunter and N. G. Sanderford.
Education—C. E. Taylor, S. White and M. L. Fowler.
State Missions.—J. E. Ray, W. K. Phillips and W. O. Allen.
Home Missions.—J. D. Hufham, R. J Buffaloe and R. O. Purnell.
Foreign Missions.—W. B. Royall J. S. Timberlake and J. M. Adams.

After consultation, the committee to whom was referred the letter of application from the Youngsville church cordially recommends her to the fellowship of the Association. The letter from this church is then read, in which she sends the following delegates: A. M. Harris, Baldy Pearce, A. A. Williams and J. S. Timberlake.

The report is received and the church is admitted into the membership of the Association.

Brethren Royall and Mills made some remarks in behalf of the Youngsville church, and ask assistance from the different churches of the Association for the same. Pledges amounting to $230 are obtained.

On motion, a committee, consisting of S. White, W. B. Dunn, W. G. L. Allen, J. S. Purefoy and W. R. Stell, is appointed to re arrange the sections of the churches.

Bro. John E. Ray moves that the report on State Missions be made a special order of business for to-morrow at 11½ o'clock.

By motion of Prof. C. E. Taylor, the report on education is made a special order of business for to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals would again commend the *Biblical Recorder* to the patronage of the churches of this Association. It is indispensable as the organ of our denomination, and as the advocate of sound doctrine and the expounder of our Baptist church polity, it has no superior in the land. It is earnestly recommended that an effort be made during the next year to introduce it into every household within our limits.

Kind Words is better adapted to meet the wants and supply the demand of our children for newspaper reading than any similar paper with which we are acquainted. It is to be had of the Publishers, at Macon, Ga. Price—single copy, weekly, $1.00; clubs of ten, 60 cents. Monthly—single copy, 25 cents; clubs of ten, 16 cents per year.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, the organ of the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va. Price 50 cents a year.

COMMITTEE.

Remarks are made on the report by Brethren William Royall, S. White, J. S. Purefoy, J. D. Hufham and L. R. Mills.

Bro. John E. Ray, the special representative of the *Recorder*, presents its merits and especially its importance as an educator of the church and family.

Prof. C. E. Taylor makes this amendment to the report:

Resolved, That all the churches of this Association be requested to appoint a committee of three from each church at their next conference to secure names for and forward subscriptions to the *Recorder*.

On motion, the report is received and adopted as amended.

The same hours for convening and adjourning are fixed upon as heretofore: morning, convene at 9:30, adjourn at 12:30; afternoon, convene at 2, adjourn at will.

The committee on Religious Exercises report:

Sermon, Wednesday 11½ A. M., by Prof. W. B. Royall.
Sermon, Wednesday 3 P. M., by Rev. J. S. Purefoy.
Sermon, Thursday 11½ A. M., by Rev. A. G. McManaway.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 24th, 1881.

After religious exercises, conducted by Dr. J. D. Hufham, the Association proceeds to business.

The roll of delegates is called, and the proceedings of the previous meeting are read and approved.

Prof. W. B. Royall reads a letter from the colored Baptist church at Liberty asking admittance into the Association

On motion, the matter is referred to a committee of three. Brethren W. B. Royall, W. H. Mitchell and C. E. Taylor are appointed.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There is a larger number of missionaries under the general supervision of the State Mission Board than at any time during our past history. Twenty-six of these self-sacrificing men of God are devoting their time, talents and energies to the great work in very important fields in nearly every portion of the State. Among them are such brethren as J. D. Hufham, J. E. Carter, W. B. Knight and others in the eastern part of the State; T. Harrison, Richardson, Cobb, and J. L. Smith in the Centre; and J. B. Boone, A. L. Stough, D. B Nelson, and Haymore in the west.

As the result of the labors of these and scores of other such men all over North Carolina, last year at least fifty new Baptist churches were organized, more than fifty church houses erected, and over 5,000 persons added to our membership. This year our efforts are greatly enlarged, our appropriations are greater than formerly, and the Lord is blessing us all over the State in a wonderful manner.

And yet there are vast regions of territory on our Eastern, Southern and Northern borders, as well as rich fields along the fertile valleys of the Yadkin and Catawba rivers, almost totally destitute of the gospel as we preach it. The State Board is trying to occupy these sections, and are now in need of funds to pay the missionaries. We earnestly commend the work of the Board to this Association for your liberal support. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
W. K. PHILLIPS,
W. O. ALLEN,
Committee.

Remarks are made by Brother Ray in behalf of the State Mission Board, for which the following pledges and contributions are obtained:

Wake Forest church,.....	$ 50 00	Youngsville church, ...	5 00
Forestville church,.....	20 00	Bay Leaf church,.....	2 00
Wake Union church,.. ..	15 00	C. W. Scarborough,.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon church,.....	20 00	W. O. Allen,.....	5 00
First church, (Raleigh),..	100 00	L. H. Privett and wife,...	2 00
Franklinton church,.....	10 00	W. T. Scarborough,.....	1 00
Flat Rock church,.....	5 00	N. G. Sanderford, ...	1 00
Perry's Chapel church...	5 00	Miss Mollie Harp,.....	1 00
Rolesville church,.....	5 00	C. D. Jones,.....	1 00
Hopkins' Chapel church,	5 00	Hat collection,.....	5 25
Wake X Roads church,	10 00		
Total,.....			$273 25

Further remarks are made by J. D. Hufham and L. R. Mills, who ask contributions to aid in relieving the debt of the churches at Rocky Mount and Olive Branch. The following are obtained:

C. W. Scarborough's churches, $20 00; James C. Leigh, William Harris, W. B. Smith, L. R. Mills, Dr. Wm. Royall. John E. Ray, W. B. Dunn & Co., D. W. Allen and W. H. Pace, $10 00 each; P. A. Dunn, C. E. Taylor, W. H. Mitchell, J. S. Joyner, J. T. Rogers, W. O. Allen, James Timberlake, A. Harris, Dr. Lankford, R. L. Brewer, T. J. Wiggs, R. O. Purnell, Riley Privett, C. O'Neal (and W. G. Allen), D. Ferrell and J. S. Purefoy $5 00 each; R. J. and M. W. Buffaloe, $6 00; D. D. Gill, $2 00; Flat Rock delegation, $1 00; W. K. Phillips, $1 00. Total, $200 00.

The question being called for, the report on State Missions, is adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

After singing, the house is called to order by the Moderator, who also extends an invitation to all visiting brethren to take seats with us and report their names. The following brethren present themselves: John B. Brewer, from the Tar River Association, G. W. Scarborough and John Horton, from the Raleigh Association.

Bro. P. A. Dunn moves that the Missionary sermon be dispensed with on account of the press of business.

The motion is carried.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is needless to discuss the value of education in this report. No one who has thought or observed much will ever be in doubt concerning the practical benefits which come to the individual and community from trained and disciplined mind. It is gratifying to be able to report that the subject engages far more popular interest in North Carolina than at any time since the war. The agitation of the question by the press and from the rostrum has awakened unwonted attention, and has resulted in drawing to our schools and colleges a number of pupils which is beyond all precedent. It is specially gratifying to be able to report that our College at Wake Forest, both as regards its financial condition and its patronage, is in a most prosperous condition. We cordially commend it to the people of North Carolina as worthy of their patronage.

The Baptists of the State have three excellent Colleges for young ladies at Oxford, Murfreesboro and Thomasville. It is to be hoped that very many will avail themselves of the advantages afforded by them.

The Education Board during the last year has done a larger work than ever before in its history, rendering aid to nineteen young preachers in obtaining an education. It is to be hoped that the beneficence of the churches will enable a yet larger work to be done by the Board. It may be mentioned as a matter of interest, and worthy of gratitude, that several of the churches of this Association largely exceeded in their contributions the amounts of their pledges.

C. E. TAYLOR,
S. WHITE,
M. L. FOWLER,
Committee.

After remarks by Brethren L. R. Mills, C. E. Taylor, F. P. Hobgood, John B. Brewer, J. D. Hufham and E. F. Beachum, the report is received and adopted.

The Association adjourns till to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 25th, 1881.

After religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. S. Purefoy, the Association proceeds to business with the calling of the roll of delegates and the reading of the proceedings of the previous meeting.

The committee on place and preachers for next Association report:

Place—Youngsville.

For the Introductory sermon—Elder A. G. McManaway; alternate, Prof. W. B. Royall.

For Missionary sermon—Dr. T. H. Pritchard; alternate, Rev. C. A. Jenkins.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the colored church at Liberty asking admission into this Association, report that the circumstances of the case are such that they are unable at present to advise that the Association take any action in the matter.

The report is received.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

Our Heavenly Father has granted us many blessings during the Associational year. Good health has generally prevailed within the bounds of our Association and State.

The crops of wheat and oats have been fairly good. The extensive drought in our State has greatly damaged the crops of corn and cotton. Within our bounds, and in a large portion of the State, not more than half crops can be made. May it not be that some great and wide-spread sin which has much displeased our Heavenly Father has been committed by the people of the State and that He is punishing us for it?

Several of our churches have enjoyed precious revivals of religion, and more than one hundred members have been added to the churches. Wake Forest College enjoyed a great blessing in a revival, under the ministry of Dr. W. A. Nelson, which resulted in the hopeful conversion of about sixty souls.

The educational interest has been much revived. There were 181 students at Wake Forest College during the past year, nearly one-third of whom were from the county of Wake, in which this Association is mainly located. We regret to state that Brother F. P. Hobgood has removed his Female College from our midst to Oxford, but rejoice that he has there a flourishing school. We regret that in our Association of nineteen churches, with a membership of 2,654, we can only report one licentiate and one young minis er at our College. We are thankful to say, that judging from the letters as read, the outlook is encouraging, that peace and harmony prevail, and that there will be quite an increase in membership among the churches.

We chronicle the death of our beloved brother and deacon, Robert Trawick, one of the oldest and most useful members of New Hope

church. It is with devout thankfulness that we can say that the deaths among our churches have been quite few.

We are glad to welcome Rev. A. G. McManaway as one of our ministers. He is pastor of the church at Franklinton, where he held a meeting of days about the 1st of May, which resulted in the conversion of about eighty-four persons. This was the most important meeting ever held in that town. Rev. C. A. Jenkins has removed from our midst to Oxford, N. C., but still labors with the church at Rolesville, and has held a very successful meeting there.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

The report is received.

Bro. James S. Purefoy offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is with the distinct understanding that the church at Olive Branch shall raise and pay off their church debt by or before the next Association, that the fifty dollars were raised by this Association to help them pay it.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The report on Home Missions is read and laid on the table till 11½ o'clock.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following considerations should prompt us to give the gospel to the heathen:

I. We owe it to the Lord Jesus Christ. In no other way can we fully observe his great command, given at the time when the very essence of His will must have been embodied in His words. The hour had come for His departure from the world and His ascension to the Father. All the words that fell from the lips of our Redeemer must be full of meaning to the believer, but how inexpressibly significant must be those last words, giving the key-note of the work which was to engage the hearts and hands of the redeemed in all the ages. "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

But apart from this specific and direct command, we owe it to the Saviour to give the gospel to all mankind. "When we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Were Jesus on earth what would the redeemed sinner not be willing to do or sacrifice in order to make known to him in person his sense of obligation? Would it be too great a hardship to go to the very ends of the earth to manifest our love and gratitude? Now, while we are denied this privilege, we are afforded opportunities of doing that which will be more pleasing to our Lord. We cannot give bread and clothing and shelter to Jesus, but in giving the bread of life to those for whom he died, we shall hear from his own mouth those gracious words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

II. We owe it to those through whose labors we have been so richly blessed. No blessings can be compared with those which have come to us with the gospel of peace. Through the toils and sacrifices of men who

were executing the great commission, our fathers were turned from idols to the true and living God. We cannot express our gratitude to our benefactors in person, but we do that which as effectually shows our gratitude when we make corresponding sacrifices for those who are in darkness.

III. We owe it to the heathen themselves. Our better instincts revolt at the thought of selfishness in the enjoyment of any great blessing. What will we not do to get water to those who we hear are about to perish from thirst? Now the gospel has been everything to us and is moreover "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The spirit that prompts the christian to give the gospel to the heathen is the spirit that brought Jesus to the world.

IV. We owe it to the success with which God has crowned the Foreign Mission enterprise. Eighty years ago in all heathen lands there were some 50,000 converts, now there are 1,650,000. Then $310.000 was the yearly contribution to Foreign Missions, now it amounts to $6,239,000. At that time there were 70 Protestant missionary schools, to-day there are 12,000 with 400,000 scholars. At the beginning of the century there were 50 translations of the Bible, and some 5,000,000 copies in circulation, now it is found in 226 languages and dialects, and 148,000,000 of copies have been circulated. Dr. Yates wrote September 12th, 1877: "This is the 30th anniversary of our arrival at Shanghai. Thirty years ago when the prospect was so dark and the darkness seemed so impenetrable, I would have compromised for what I now behold as my life work. Now my demand would be nothing less than a complete surrender. I not only do not regret devoting my life to the mission work, but I rejoice that Christ counted me worthy to be his embassador to the greatest empire on the globe."

And can we as the friends of Jesus and mankind consent not to have a part in holding up the hands of this noble man of God and his worthy co-laborers in other fields?

W. B. ROYALL,
J. S. TIMBERLAKE,
J. M. ADAMS,
Committee.

After remarks by Brethren W. B. Royall, A. G. McManaway and C. W. Scarborough, the question being called for, the report is adopted.

By motion of Prof. W. B. Royall, a committee of three is appointed to re-adjust the assessment of the churches for Foreign Missions. Brethren W. B. Royall, J. S. Purefoy and W. H. Mitchell are appointed.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This report has reference to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention among the Indians of the southwest, and in large and important sections of our Southern States, and the maintaining of Bro. Hartwell among the Chinese in California, which can not be reached by any other agency. This work is conducted by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Marion, Alabama. It is a work of great importance, and we heartily commend it to the prayerful consideration of the churches comprising this body.

J. D. HUFHAM, *Chairman*,

The report is discussed by Prof. W. B. Royall, and on motion, adopted.

Bro. C. W. Scarborough offers the following resolutions, which are adopted:

Resolved 1*st*, That a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the holding of 5th Sunday meetings during the coming year, and to appoint speakers for the same.

2*nd*, That the meeting on the first 5th Sunday be in the interest of Ministerial Education and Sunday Schools; the second in the interest of State Missions and Sunday Schools; the third in the interest of Foreign Missions and Sunday Schools; the fourth in interest of Sunday Schools.

Committee appointed on Sunday School Institutes: C. E. Taylor, W. C. Lankford and R. L. Brewer.

The committee appointed to re-arrange the districts of the churches report the following:

First District.—Youngsville, Brassfields, Flat Rock, Franklinton, Perry's Chapel.

Second District.—Mt. Vernon, New Bethel, Olive Branch, Bay Leaf, Woodland.

Third District.—Wake Union, Forestville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Hopkins Chapel.

Fourth District.—Midway, New Hope, Raleigh (Salisbury Street), Wake Cross Roads.

Report on re-apportionment of the churches for Dr. Yates' salary:

The following apportionment is recommended by the committee:

Raleigh Church, (Salisbury Street)	$250 00	Wake Cross Roads church	$ 20 00
Wake Forest church	70 00	Hopkins Chapel "	20 00
Forestville "	60 00	Olive Branch "	15 00
Franklinton "	25 00	New Bethel "	10 00
Mt. Vernon "	25 00	Rolesville "	20 00
Brassfields "	20 00	Woodland "	5 00
Flat Rock "	25 00	Midway "	5 00
Wake Union "	20 00	Perry's Chapel "	5 00
New Hope "	20 00	Bay Leaf "	5 00
		Youngsville "	10 00

W. B. ROYALL,
J. S. PUREFOY,
W. H. MITCHELL,
Committee.

The report is received and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourns till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator, N. E. Cannady.

Bro. N. G. Sanderford presents a petition from the colored church at Bethlehem, asking contributions to aid them in building a house of worship. A collection of $10.15 is made for this purpose.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We rejoice that so much is being done in this department of Christian labor. Every church, save one which has no house, has a Sunday School; this is as it should be. We are glad to note that our schools are more than ever before awake to the importance of libraries, lesson papers and black boards, and that the Bible is more prominent in our libraries than heretofore. Let us pray and believe that God will honor His word as dispensed here; and with faithful efforts on the part of his people, a great harvest awaits us. Sunday School Institutes have been held with good congregations and marked interest in the discussions.

C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
GEORGE E. HUNTER,
N. G. SANDERFORD,
Committee.

Remarks are made by Brethren C. W. Scarborough and J. S. Purefoy. The question being called for, on motion the report is received and adopted.

The Finance Committee report the amount sent by the churches for the Minute Fund to be $50.10.

Bro. P. A. Dunn moves that the clerk be paid $15 out of the amount reported for his services, and that the remainder of the fund be expended in printing the Minutes of this Association. Carried.

Prof. W. B. Royall offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of Hopkins Chapel church and the friends of the vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during the session of the Association.

Adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet with the church at Youngsville, on the 4th Tuesday in August, 1882.

Doxology. Benediction by Bro. A. G. McManaway.

N. E. CANNADY, *Moderator.*

J. N. HOLDING, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for the Minute Fund.....		$50 10
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To printing and binding and mailing 600 copies of the Minutes,.....	$35 10	
To Clerk for services,.....	15 00	
Total disbursements,.....		$50 10

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HOLDING,
Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Brassfields	C. W. Scarborough	N. E. Cannady	Mt. Energy	.....	1	...	2	...	4	37	76	113	...
Flat Rock	.....	T. J. Crocker	Pacific	.....	6	...	6	2	3	88	173	261	7
Franklinton	A G. McManaway	C. Pritchard	.....	25	2	1	5	...	1	48	49	97	1
Perry's Chapel	J. A. Pitchford	R. O. Purnell	Franklinton	.....	1	2	1	1	...	21	31	52	4
Youngsville	W. R. Royall	J S. Timberlake	Pacific	.....	17	...	.....	...	1	12	5	17	...
Mt. Vernon	William Royall	John D. Allen	Neuse	1	3	...	2	2	2	48	89	137	...
New Bethel	O. L. Stringfield	W. A. Jones	Rogers' Store	37	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	193	..
Olive Branch	J. C. Hocut	J. E. Suit	Fish Dam	13	4	1	5	1	1	58	58	116	...
Bay Leaf	J. R. Maynard	S. F. Bailey	Hutchinson's Store	3	12	...	.....	...	...	10	17	27	...
Woodland	J. R. Maynard	J. C Harrison	New Light	5	1	...	1	3	1	45	69	114	...
Wake Union	C. W. Scarborough	J. A. Winston	Franklinton	.....	4	...	4	..	...	22	37	59	...
Forestville	W. B. Royall	L. N. Chappell	Fore-tville	.....	6	2	9	3	...	34	45	79	...
Rolesville	C. A. Jenkins	J. R. Broughton	Rolesville	1	6	...	2	1	3	89	162	251	...
Wake Forest	T. H. Pritchard	W. O. Allen	Wake Forest	32	25	1	16	1	3	.....	.....	104	...
Hopkins Chapel	M. Freeman	B W. Ray	Wakefield	3	1	...	.....	3	1	71	158	229	...
Midway	William E. Barrett	J. Y. Chappell	Raleigh	12	3	...	1	...	2	18	27	45	...
New Hope	C. W. Scarborough	W. G. Riddick	Wake Forest	4	6	2	5	5	2	40	63	103	15
Raleigh (Salisbury St.)	Thos. E. Skinner	Henry Horton	Raleigh	43	16	1	24	4	12	206	351	557	...
Wake Cross Roads	J. C. Marcom	H. Watkins,	Rolesville	.....	5	...	9	2	1	61	105	166	...
				179	119	11	92	29	38	908	1515	2720	27

Statement of Funds reported in Church Letters.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Home Missions	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total amount.
Brassfields,	$ 125 00	$ 40 50	$ 25 00	$ 10 25	$ 20 00	.....	$ 2 50	.....	$ 3 00	$ 226 25
Flat Rock,	175 00	117 40	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	$ 10 75	3 00	331 15
Franklinton,	350 00	50 00	33 00	6 05	20 00	$ 3 00	4 00	60 00	2 00	528 04
Perry's Chapel,	75 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 15	82 15
Youngsville,	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	51 50
Mt Vernon,	150 00	.....	21 93	43 67	25 00	25 92	.....	66 25	3 00	335 77
New Bethel,	125 00	1 75	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	20 00	3 00	164 75
Olive Branch,	100 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	2 00	105 40
Bay Leaf,	.....	16 00	.....	4 70	1 60	.....	.....	6 55	1 00	29 85
Woodland,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Wake Union,	100 00	1 00	9 50	10 50	23 50	.....	.....	20 00	2 00	166 50
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CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. Sunday School papers taken.	No. months kept open.
Brassfields	T Y. Allen	Grissom	8	40	25	100	12	7
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Pacific	5	95	30	400	.....	12
Franklinton	C. Winston	Franklinton	11	75	50	150	93	12
Perry's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Youngsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon	E. S. Dunn	Neuse	6	40	25	150	20	12
New Bethel	J. C. Moore	.....	9	45	30	50	.....	9
Olive Branch	W. T. Suit	Fish Dam	11	45	35	40	26	12
Bay Leaf	J. B. Davis	Hutchinson's Store	6	31	25	60	12	12
Woodland	Willis Smith	Wake Forest	6	52	25	.....	25	.....
Wake Union	Joseph Rogers	Forestville	6	35	33	32	25	.....
Forestville	D W. Allen	Forestville	12	35	25	400	37	12
Rolesville	Sidney Stell	Rolesville	14	124	50	100	.....	12
Wake Forest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopkins' Chapel	W. K. Phillips	Riley's X Roads	5	75	50	.....	.....	.....
Midway	N. G. Sanderford	Raleigh	8	69	45	200	25	12
New Hope	R. J. Buffaloe	Raleigh	7	79	50	270	34	12
Raleigh (Salisbury Street)	J. M. Heck	Raleigh	36	489	330	1780	550	12
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PROCEEDINGS.

YOUNGSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Tuesday, August 22, 1882.

The Central Association meets in its twenty-third annual session at Youngsville church, Franklin county, N. C. Mr. W. K. Martin, before the regular exercises are begun, presents a Bible to the church from the Sons of Temperance. Rev. W. B. Royall, pastor, in behalf of the church, returns thanks to the donor and the body which he represents.

Elder A. G. McManaway, after congratulating the church for its success in erecting so neat and beautiful a house of worship, preaches the Introductory and Dedicatory sermon from 1 Peter, 2: 5.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house is called to order by Moderator, N. E. Cannady. Brother W. O. Allen is requested by Moderator to act as Reading Clerk.

The roll of churches is called and the following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Youngsville—J. J. Barrow, A. M. Harris, F. P. Pierce, T. J. Crocker and J. S. Timberlake.

Brassfields—Dr. T. B. Laurence, L. G. Allen, J. D. Davis, S. H. Cannady and W. P. Weathers.

Flat Rock—W. B. Allen, W. P. Morris, Perry Wiggins, R. J. Conyers and P. M. Harrison.

Franklinton—B. H. Winston, Ed. W. Morris, J. S. Joyner, S. P. Lowry and W. H. Mitchell.

Perry's Chapel—R. O. Purnell, R. S. Mitchener, J. A. Duke, L. J. Wilder, R. C. Woodliff and Rev. E. F. Beachum.

SECOND DISTRICT:

Mt. Vernon—J. E. Ray, J. B. Davis, J. A. Honeycutt, D. D. Gill and E. S. Dunn.

New Bethel—I. J. Brogden, J. C. Moore, W. C. Rogers, R. J. Ray and N. P. Stallings.

Olive Branch—J. C. Hocut, R. H. D. Gooch, M. E. Gooch, Ennis Hocut.

Bay Leaf—G. D. Bailey, Albert Mangum and S. F. Bailey.

Woodland—W. W. Watkins, Geo. W. Kelley, Geo. W. Smith, S. G. Bridges and B. H. Davis.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Wake Union—W. O. Allen, J. P. Purnell, Geo. B. Allen, J. R. Holland and L. W. Dent.
Forestville—W. B. Smith, D. W. Allen, Willis Holding, Wm. B. Dunn and J. C. Leigh.
Rolesville—Manly Watkins, A. P. Upchurch, M. L. Fowler, N. R. Watkins and W. R. Stell.
Hopkins' Chapel—J. H. Ray, A. J. Hicks, L. B. Phillips, J. Duke and T. J. Hopkins.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Midway—W. H. Peebles, Willis Ferrell, Wm. Holder, J. S. Chappell and N. G. Sanderford.
New Hope—B. B. Buffaloe, W. G. Riddick, R. J. Buffaloe, S. White, J. W. Holloway and C. H. Baugh.
Raleigh (*Salisbury Street*)—Dr. T. E. Skinner, J. M. Wyatt, J. D. Joyner, G. M. Allen and J. N. Holding.
Wake Cross Roads—Wesley Stell, N. C. Ranes, J. J. Ranes, J. A. Stell and H. V. Pace.

The election of officers being next in order, the house is waited on and the following are elected: Moderator, N. E. Cannady; Clerk and Treasurer, J. N. Holding; Historian, Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

The Moderator extends an invitation to all visiting brethren to take seats with the delegates and participate in all the proceedings of the Association. Rev. J. L. Carroll, from the General Association of Virginia, accepts the invitation with some remarks of love and encouragement. Rev. J. B. Taylor, of Wilmington, N. C., reports himself from the Eastern Association. The following brethren report themselves from their respective Associations: F. P. Hobgood, from Flat River Association; Rev. J. B. Lemons, from the General Association of Virginia; Rev. J. B. Boon, from the South Yadkin Association.

Prof. L. R. Mills moves that the Association meet at 9: 30 A. M., and adjourn at 12: 30 P. M.; convene at 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Youngsville church.
Finance.—W. H. Mitchell, J. C. Leigh and P. A. Dunn.
Periodicals.—W. C. Lankford, J. A. Winston and W. W. Watkins.
Place and preachers for next meeting of the Association.—Geo. B. Allen, S. H. Cannady and J. S. Timberlake.
Sunday Schools.—W. B. Royall, J. C. Hocut and W. O. Allen.
Education.—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, J. J. Barrow and W. B. Allen.
State Missions.—C. E. Taylor, W. G. Simmons and J. D. Joyner.
Home Missions.—A. G. McManaway, G. M. Allen and Wm. B. Dunn.
Foreign Missions.—L. R. Mills, Wesley Stell and L. G. Allen.

On motion of Prof. L. R. Mills, the report on State Missions is made a special order for Wednesday at 10 o'clock A.M.

Prof. C. E Taylor moves that the report on Education be made special order for Wednesday at 2 o'clock P. M.

The following pledges and contributions are made to relieve the debt of the Youngsville church:

Pledges of churches: Wake Forest, $50; Raleigh, $25; Forestville, $20; Wake Union, $10; Perry's Chapel, $5; Franklinton, $5; Brassfields, $5. *Individual pledges and contributions:* Dr. T. E. Skinner, $25; Prof. W. B. Royall, $20; Dr. R. H. Timberlake, $20; W. G. Simmons and L. R. Mills, $10 each; G. M. Allen, Biblical Recorder, R. T. Vann, J. C. Leigh, Geo. B. Allen, W. O. Allen, H. V. Pace, S. H. Cannady, Geo. W. Davis, J. R. Dunn, C. M. Walters, C. E. Taylor, Geo. W. Wall, Mrs. Jane Pierce, $5 each; J. C. Hocut, $2.50; Mrs. J. S. Harris, W. R. Carson, Mrs. Sarah Harris, $2 each; Mrs. Gillie Winston, N. C. Ranes, Mrs. W. D. Spruil, Mrs. Bettie Gill, $1 each; Mrs. Wm. Martin, 50 cents; Hat collection, $7.35.

The Association adjourns to meet on Wednesday at 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Wednesday, August 23, 1882.

After religious exercises, conducted by Rev. J. L. Carroll, the Association is called to order by the Moderator, who extends an invitation to all visiting brethren to take seats with the delegates. Brethren Bridges Winston, from the Flat River Association; J. B. Brewer, from the Chowan Association; Noah Biggs and R. E. Peele, from the Tar River Association, accept the invitation and report their names.

The roll of delegates is called and the proceedings of the last meeting are read and approved.

The hour having arrived for the discussion of the report on State Missions, the report is read by Prof. C. E. Taylor, chairman of the committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

If, under the commission, it be our duty to send the gospel to the heathen of foreign lands, then surely we are not guiltless if we neglect the destitute at home. As citizens, as Christians and as Baptists, we are under the most sacred obligations to preach the gospel to every creature in our own country, and especially in our own blessed State.

Marked activity has distinguished the missionary operations of both district Associations and the State Convention during the past few years, and gracious and abundant blessings have attended our efforts, but *there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.* Our motto should be NORTH CAROLINA FOR CHRIST. Encouraged by past successes and stimulated by the crying wants of many sections of the State, the last State Convention, with a noble missionary spirit, resolved to enlarge the operations of the Board of State Missions, and in response to this call for more liberal contributions to this object, the representatives of this Association deemed themselves justified in pledging $650 for the support of the missionaries of the State Board.

The Board made larger appropriations than ever before for this work, relying upon the pledges given, and unless they are redeemed, the cause will suffer injury, and the missionaries fail to receive their well earned salaries. Your committee hope and believe that as the Central Association has heretofore given support to almost every good work, it will not fail this year to maintain its honorable position.

C. E. TAYLOR,
J. D. JOYNER,
W. G. SIMMONS,
Committee.

Dr. T. H. Pritchard speaks in behalf of the mission work and the State Mission Board and asks contributions and pledges to aid the Board in its very important work. The following are obtained:

J. E. Ray, $30; W. O. Allen and Prof. W. B. Royall, $20 each: J. C. Hocut, T. Y. Allen, S. H. Cannady, Ed. Morris and Mrs. Mary Williams, $5 each. *Pledges of the churches:* Youngsville, Flat Rock, Wake Union and Wake Cross Roads, $10 each; Brassfields, Perry's Chapel, Mt. Vernon, Olive Branch, Woodland, $5 each; Wake Forest, $25; New Hope, $30; Raleigh, 1st church, $150.

The report is adopted.

Rev. J. S. Purefoy, our Historian, reads his report, which is adopted after remarks by brethren C. E. Taylor, J. S. Purefoy, T. H. Pritchard, C. T. Bailey, Thos. E. Skinner and L. R. Mills.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

We have to thank God for good health, it being one of the healthiest years within our memory. The year 1881 was remarkable for a general drought and the shortest crops known in the history of our country, many farmers not making more than half enough for their support. This year, 1882, the crops of wheat and oats are better than ever known before, some farmers making as high as forty and fifty bushels of wheat to one sown and the average more than twenty bushels to one sown. Cotton and tobacco with all other unmatured crops promise a fair yield. For these great blessings we feel that our hearty thanks and praise to God should be freely given.

We have no death to record among our ministers, and, as far as I have learned none among our deacons. Some of our churches have enjoyed

precious revivals and 167 persons have been added to our churches by baptism.

Our College at Wake Forest, located within our bounds, has been very successful and numbered during the past session 169 pupils of whom 32 were preparing for the ministry. Our churches are all supplied with useful pastors, and two of our churches, Brassfields and Flat Rock, employ the same pastor to preach for them on two Sabbaths in each month and we hope that others will follow their example.

We regret to state that Dr. T. H. Pritchard has resigned the presidency of Wake Forest College and will leave our Association in September to become the pastor of a church in Louisville, Ky. We hope he will procure a return ticket, as we shall anxiously look for his return. The trustees have wisely appointed Prof. W. B. Royall chairman of the faculty, which means President *pro tem.*, and we feel assured that the College will not suffer in the hands of so prudent and efficient an officer.

Rev. G. P. Bostic was ordained as pastor of New Hope church by Elders C. E. Taylor, W. B. Royall and O. L. Stringfield.

Rev. C. S. Farris, of the first church in Raleigh, was ordained to the work of the ministry in last March by Elders T. E. Skinner, C. T. Bailey and W. R Gwaltney.

I have thought it prudent to give a short history of the churches each year and will begin with Rogers' Cross Roads. The record says: "Elder Jacob Crocker was the first who preached at this meeting house. His labors were blest in bringing many souls to the knowledge of the truth. Many persons were baptized by him previous to the church's constitution. This church was constituted by Elders Jacob Crocker and Lewis Moore in the year of our Lord, 1793, consisting of 53 members. Soon after the constitution Elder Zadoc Bell was called to the pastorate care." I think it more than probable that this church was constituted some years earlier as there was a Conference held on August 20, 1789, and Boling Dunn was chosen Clerk.

In the Conference of 1791 Elders Zadoc Bell, John Fort and John Ezel were chosen to go to Sandy Creek meeting house as helps to settle a difficulty respecting baptism:

Decision — "Sandy Creek meeting house. April 22, 1791. Agreed between Elders Crocker, Gardner. Moore and Lancaster, if a member believes he was baptized in unbelief and wishes to be re-baptized, he may be; but if his pastor cannot conscientiously baptize him, he may apply to some other minister of the same order."

In 1793: "*Query.*—Is it a duty for female members to contribute to the support of the gospel? *Ans.* It is."

On June 14, 1794, Elder Zadoc Bell was chosen pastor of the church, and served the church 19 years, and being afflicted with rheumatism resigned. On November 27, 1813, Elder John Purefoy was elected pastor and remained pastor 26 years. In 1836 he resigned and removed to Cumberland county. Elder H. Spivey was chosen pastor and served one year. Elder John Purefoy was again elected pastor in 1838 and served two years and on account of old age was compelled to resign. In 1840 Elder W. A. Atkinson was elected pastor and served two years. In 1842 Elder Thos. Crocker was chosen pastor and served three years. In 1845 Elder Gordon was elected pastor and served one year. In 1846 Elder M. D. Freeman was elected pastor and served three years. In 1849 Elder L. C. Hinton was elected pastor and served two years. In 1851 Elder W. T. Brooks was elected pastor and served one year. In 1852 Elder Jas. B. Jackson became their pastor and served one year. In 1853 Elder P. W. Dowd became their pastor and served three years. In 1857 Rev. M. D. Freeman was elected and served two years. In 1859 Elder A. D. Blackwood was elected and served four years. In 1863

Elder W. T. Walters became pastor and served three years. In 1866 Elder J. K. Howell became pastor and served two years. In 1869 Elder A. F. Purefoy became their pastor and served four years. In 1875 Elder C. E. Taylor became pastor and served two years. In 1877 Elder J. R. Jones became pastor and served two years.

The proceedings after this are not recorded in the church book by the clerk. In 90 years this church had 19 pastors, with about 900 baptisms, being an average of 10 each year. Ministers ordained in this church were B. Temple, June 26, 1825, by Elders John Purefoy and James Morphis; Thos. Dunn, Dec. 25, 1825, by the same presbytery; G. W. Purefoy, March 22, 1834, by Elders J. Purefoy and S. Wait; N. A. Purefoy, August 4, 1835, by J. Purefoy and John Armstrong; L. C. Hinton in 1850, particulars not stated. James Morphis was an ordained minister in this church. The Baptist State Convention was organized in Greenville, March, 1830, and held its first annual meeting with this church, April 13-18, 1831. Elder John Purefoy was the delegate of this church at this meeting.

It is claimed by the anti-missionary Baptists that they were or are the *Primitive Baptists* and that the Missionary Baptists are the reformers. This church was a missionary church before the split on missions. Elder Burwell Temple, (a good man) was baptized into it as a Missionary Baptist, Dec. 21, 1816, by Elder John Purefoy and was ordained in this church as a Missionary Baptist minister in 1825 by Elders John Purefoy and James Morphis, who were members of this church, and I have been informed that he would not submit to re-baptism or re-ordination in his reformed connection. Elder Temple remained with this church a Missionary Baptist about 13 years; he then split off and united with the Reformed Baptists in 1829, as they were called at that time. Afterwards he published a paper and erroneously called it *The Primitive Baptist.* In proof of the above, the records show that eleven months before, Elder Temple was baptized. "January 27, 1816. After divine worship, the church sat in Conference and received the first annual report of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions." One month after Elder Temple was baptized. The record says: "Conference January 25, 1817. It is requested that the members should meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in next month to hear the last report of the Board of Foreign Missions read." Seven months after his baptism, in "Conference July 26, 1817, the church agrees to give traveling preachers one dollar for each sermon." Feb. 21, 1818: "The church agreed to add to their subscription this year $4 for the Missionary Society." A missionary meeting was at Cross Roads, the first Sunday in August, 1821, and held three days. In May, 1824: "No Conference in consequence of a missionary meeting at Haywood's church in Franklin county." In July, 1821, "A committee was appointed consisting of William Walker, Fielding Beasly, Sherwood House, Boling Dunn, John Fort, Burwell Temple and Cain Underwood to meet on Sunday and instruct the black members." They discharged this duty on August 24, 1821, in regular Sabbath School order. They, "chose Bro. John Fort Moderator; praise and prayer succeeded. They then proceeded to teach the black brethren their duty to one another and to God by reading several parts of the scriptures to them. Here was a Sabbath School in this church sixty-one years ago with John Fort superintendent and Burwell Temple one of the teachers. The split on Missions and Sabbath Schools mainly took place in 1829. Elder Temple and others having withdrawn from our churches, a Conference was held at Wake Liberty church to labor with them to bring about a reconciliation. The record says: "Conference, March 21, 1829, the church nominated brethren Purefoy, L. Cook and Ransom House as delegates to meet the Reformed Baptist brethren at Wake

Liberty, Friday before the fifth Lord's day in May next, to sit in consultation with them and try and bring about a reconciliation." They were then called by those who knew all the facts, "The Reformed Baptist brethren." They afterwards, without any grounds for it, assumed the title of Primitive Baptist.

In 1830 Elder James Dennis came from Mississippi and preached at this church and others with such power that a glorious revival resulted, lasting three years, in every church within thirty miles, resulting in the conversion of hundreds of souls.

Conference, August, 1837. "*Resolved*, That this church hold no one of its members in fellowship who shall make it any part of his or her livelihood to sell ardent spirits. In 1854 Kinion Jones was expelled from the church for a violation of this resolution."

Article 24 of the Constitution says: "Each male member who is able and will not pay anything for the support of the pastor shall be expelled from the church."

In July, 1822, Wake Union, Wake Liberty and Cross Roads churches united in a protracted meeting on the north bank of Neuse river, at the mouth of Smith's creek, in the open air. This union meeting was held several days, conducted mainly by Elders Thomas Crocker, John Purefoy, James Ferrell and —— Farthing, which resulted in the conversion of a great many persons who were baptized in Neuse river at the same place.

A good meeting house has been built this year at Youngsville, in which this Association at this time now convenes. The Dedicatory Sermon was preached on the first day of the session, by Elder A. G McManaway, and pledges were made to the amount of $300 to pay off the arrears of the debt on the church.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order by Moderator. The report on Ministerial Education is read by Dr. T. H. Pritchard, chairman of the committee, and thoroughly and ably discussed by brethren A. G. McManaway, C. E. Taylor, W. B. Royall, R. T. Vann, T. E. Skinner, J. B. Brewer.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

For more than fifty years the Board of Education has been seeking to obey the instructions of the Baptist State Convention by giving aid to prominent and indigent young men who have been called of God into the Gospel ministry. Especially during the last few years has this work grown upon their hands, until now more young ministers are seeking aid than ever before. The Board is seeking with prayerful caution to give aid only to those who need it, and who are well endorsed by their own churches and pastors. Eighteen beneficiaries have been received already for next year, and six others have applied for assistance. In order to meet these enlarged expenditures, the Board asks the Central Association for six hundred dollars during the next Associational year. This will be a small percentage of increase on the contributions of last year.

We are glad to be able to report that our College at Wake Forest is in a most flourishing condition, and that the outlook for the coming session is very encouraging. But more and more is felt the need of an adequate endowment.

We also commend to the patronage of the brethren our excellent female colleges at Murfreesboro, Oxford and Thomasville.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. J. BARROW,
W. J. ALLEN,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Rev. A. G. McManaway offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ministers, deacons and Sunday School workers of this Association will hold a grand union meeting at Franklinton, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 27th, 28th and 29th of April, 1883; and that W. H. Mitchell, W. B. Royall and Dr. Thomas E. Skinner be hereby appointed a committee to arrange a programme for that occasion.

Adopted.

Prof. L. R. Mills moves that that the report on Foreign Missions be made special order for Thursday at 10 o'clock A. M.

The committee on Place and Preachers for the next meeting of the Association report the following: Place, Mt. Vernon; for Introductory sermon, Elder C. A. Jenkins; alternate, C. W. Scarborough. For Missionary sermon, Dr. Thomas E Skinner; alternate, Elder W. B. Royall.

The report on Sunday Schools is read and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have cause for much gratitude to God for the privilege enjoyed by so many of us of working in the Sunday School during the past year, and of seeing some of the fruits of our labors.

Possibly we may say that the number of Sunday Schools in our bounds is as large as it ought to be; certainly our greatest needs, humanly speaking, are more efficient workers, and a more hearty coöperation of the entire membership of our churches.

It is a matter of regret that there is a tendency with some of our schools to overlook the extremes of our congregations—the children and those who are in or beyond middle life. Taking for granted that we teach salvation through Christ, and Christ only, your committee would raise the question, whether in our teaching the doctrines of God's word receive that attention which their importance demands.

The attendance on our institutes has been good, and we rejoice to be able to express the opinion that the interest in the Sunday School work is increasing. Nothing awaits us but faithful labor and the reward from our Master's hands.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ROYALL,
JNO. C. HOCUT,
W. O. ALLEN,
Committee.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Bailey, the report on Periodicals is made special order for to-morrow at 11:30 A. M.

The Association adjourns to meet Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, August 24, 1882.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. J. B. Boon.

House called to order by Moderator.

The report on Foreign Missions is read and discussed by brethren C. E. Taylor, O. L. Stringfield, J. B. Boon, J. S. Purefoy and N. B. Broughton. Bro. Broughton reports himself from the Raleigh Association, and discusses the report with much feeling and interest. Further remarks are made by brethren E. Dodson and J. C. Hocut.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The general outlook for the Foreign Mission work is brightening. Last year the churches composing our Southern Baptist Convention gave more money for this object than ever before.

We are sorry, however, to find that the churches of this Association have failed to send up the amount pledged for Dr. Yates' salary. Some make no report in regard to Foreign Missions, and others have contributed less than their quotos. The amount of contributions reported in the letters is $449.34, leaving a balance of $150.66.

Bro. Yates has been reinforced by Bro. Walker, but he is still calling for eight more men. Bro. D. W. Herring expects to go to his aid next year.

The North Carolina Baptists are abundantly able to sustain the eight men called for. May God incline our hearts to do our duty in this matter.

The membership of Dr. Yates' church in Shanghai is 84; contributions last year, $258.22.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. MILLS,
L. J. ALLEN,
W. STELL,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Rev. A. G. McManaway moved that a committee be appointed to examine the church letters, and report the amounts sent up for Foreign Missions by each church, and the deficits, according to the apportionment made at the last Association.

Brethren A. G. McManaway and J. S. Purefoy are appointed on the committee.

Bro. J. B. Boon asks the privilege of presenting to the Association the claim of the church at Salisbury, and asks contributions to relieve the church debt. Two hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents are obtained. The committee to examine the church letters and report the amounts sent up for Foreign Messions report the following:

CHURCHES.	Apportioned.	Amount paid.
Raleigh, (1st Chnrch)	$250 00	$114 90
Wake Forest	70 00	98 42
Forestville	60 00	60 00
Franklinton	25 00	25 00
*Mt. Vernon	25 00	.....
Brassfields	20 00	20 00
Flat Rock	25 00	25 00
Wake Union	20 00	20 00
*New Hope	20 00	10 41
*Wake Cross Roads	20 00	1 50
*Hopkins' Chapel	20 00	.....
Olive Branch	15 00	15 00
New Bethel	10 00	10 00
Rolesville	20 00	20 00
*Woodland	5 00	.....
Midway	5 00	.....
Perry's Chapel	5 00	5 00
Bay Leaf	5 00	.....
Youngsville	10 00	10 00

* Promises to pay before the meeting of the State Convention in November.

The committee recommends the same apportionment of the churches for the next year.

The report on Periodicals is read and discussed by brethren N. B. Broughton and E. Dodson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would urge a more general diffusion of Religious Literature. Next to the Bible nothing can so much contribute to our spiritual advancement as a sound religious paper.

We heartily commend the *Biblical Recorder* and *Kind Words* to every Baptist in the State, and suggest that pastors and deacons labor more earnestly for their circulation.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., awakens a lively interest in the subject of Foreign Missions, and should be more generally circulated.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. LANKFORD, *for the Committee.*

On motion of Rev. A. G. McManaway, the Association dispenses with further exercises until after the Missionary Sermon, which is preached by Rev. C. A. Jenkins from 2 Sam. 24: 24. The collection after the sermon amounts to $17.07.

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The Finance Committee report having received for the Minute Fund from the churches the following amounts:

Youngsville church	$ 2 31	Wake Union church	$ 2 50
Brassfields church	3 00	Forestville church	3 00
Flat Rock church	2 64	Rolesville church	2 00
Franklinton church	3 00	Wake Forest church	5 00
Perry's Chapel church	2 50	Hopkins' Chapel church	1 25
Mt. Vernon church	3 00	Midway church	.....
New Bethel church	3 00	New Hope church	3 00
Olive Branch church	2 00	Raleigh, 1st church	5 00
Bay Leaf church	1 00	Wake Cross Roads	1 50
Woodland church	2 00		

Total amount for Minute Fund $47 70

The report on Home Missions is read and discussed by brother E. Dodson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of Southern Baptist work is now being vigorously pushed by the new Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor.

Missionaries of the Board are preaching the gospel in the destitute sections of the Southern and South-Western States, among the Indians on our borders, and among the Chinese in California. In all its departments the work of the Board is progressing hopefully. Dr. Hartwell has a regular Chinese church in San Francisco and 40,000 Indians are being civilized, educated and christianized by Dr. Buckner and his assistants. The earnest effort of Dr. Landrum to save the New Orleans Coliseum Place church to the denomination deserves our sympathy and assistance. The debt on that church, amounting to nearly $10,000 was assumed at its last session by the Southern Baptist Convention. North Carolina Baptists are expected to raise at least $200 of that amount.

Rev. E. Dodson is the authorized agent of this Board in our State and he should have the sympathy and co-operation of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. McMANAWAY,
G. M. ALLEN,
WM. B. DUNN,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Rev. A. G. McManaway moves that the amount received on collection after the Missionary Sermon, to-wit, $17.07, be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the New Orleans Coliseum Place Baptist Church.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of the Youngsville Baptist and Methodist churches, and the friends of the vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during the Association.

Adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet with the Mt. Vernon church, on the 4th Sunday in August, 1883.

Song. Benediction by Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

J. N. HOLDING, *Clerk.*

N. E. CANNADY, *Moderator.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for the Minute Fund		$47 70
" " Wake Union church for Foreign Missions		3 00
" " Olive Branch church " " "		15 00
" " Rolesville church " " "		11 65
" " Youngsville church " " "		10 00
Total amount received		$87 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention for Foreign Missions	$39 65	
Paid Edwards, Broughton & Co., for printing, binding and mailing 700 copies of the minutes	32 70	
Paid Clerk for services	15 00	
Total disbursements		$87 35

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HOLDING, *Treasurer.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio.*

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.
7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion, without the consent of the Association.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.
14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Youngsville	W. B. Royall	E. G. Conyers	Youngsville	4	11	...	.....	...	1	18	12	30	...
Brassfields	C. W. Scarborough	N. E. Cannady	Mt. Energy	6	2	...	3	1	3	41	77	118	...
Flat Rock	C. W. Scarborough	R. J. Conyers	Youngsville	21	6	2	7	...	3	100	185	285	7
Franklinton	A. G. McManaway	C. Pritchard	Franklinton	3	11	...	11	...	2	48	51	99	...
Perry's Chapel	J. A. Pitchford	R. J. Purnell	Franklinton	2	1	...	.....	...	...	22	35	57	4
Mt. Vernon	O. L. Stringfield	John D. Allen	Neuse	.....	4	...	1	...	2	47	88	135	...
New Bethel	A. D. Hunter	W. A. Jones	Roger's Store	15	10	1	4	2	1	74	116	190	...
Olive Branch	J. C. Hocut	John E. Suit	Fish Dam	4	1	1	5	1	1	51	62	113	...
Bay Leaf	J. R. Maynard	S. F. Bailey	Hutchinson's Store	7	.....	...	12	1	...	9	12	21	...
Woodland	J. R. Maynard	Geo. W. Smith	Wake Forest	10	3	...	.....	...	2	.....	.....	125	...
Wake Union	W. B. Royall	J. A. Winston	Youngsville	8	1	...	1	1	2	26	39	65	...
Forestville	W. B. Royall	L. Chappell	Forestville	10	.....	...	1	...	2	41	46	87	...
Rolesville	C. A. Jenkins	J. B. Broughton	Rolesville	9	3	...	14	7	..	90	151	241	...
Wake Forest	.....	W. L. Poteat	Wake Forest	17	16	1	13	1	...	.....	.....	182	...
Hopkins' Chapel	M. Freeman	B. W. Ray	Wakefield	.....	4	...	.....	2	2	71	164	235	...
Midway	W. A. Barrett	J. Y. Chappell	Raleigh	....	2	...	1	...	1	17	25	42	...
New Hope	G. P. Bostic	R. J. Buffaloe	Raleigh	6	4	1	9	2	2	56	86	142	...
Raleigh, (1st Church)	Thos. E Skinner	Henry Horton	Raleigh	13	10	3	23	15	6	192	345	537	...
Wake Cross Roads	O. L. Stringfield	H. Watkins	Neuse	26	.....	3	4	6	6	58	95	153	...
				161	89	12	109	39	36	961	1589	2828	11

Statement of Funds Reported in Church Letters.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total amount.
Youngsville	$ 100 00	$1.650 00	.....	.....	$ 10 00	$ 25 00	.....	....	$ 2 31	$ 1,777 31
Brassfields	200 00	43 00	$ 3 61	$ 4 71	20 00	4 00	.....	$ 4 31	3 00	282 63
Flat Rock	400 00	100 00	2 55	.....	25 00	11 27	.....	47 65	2 64	589 11
Franklinton	350 00	180 00	7 50	10 00	25 00	.....	$ 8 50	95 25	3 00	679 25
Perry's Chapel	85 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	....	.....	19 40	2 50	116 90
Mt. Vernon	150 00	5 73	.....	25 00	.....	.....	10 65	.....	3 00	194 38
New Bethel	125 00	....	.....	11 75	10 00	2 00	.....	10 85	3 00	162 60
Olive Branch	80 00	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	99 00
Bay Leaf	35 00	23 70	.....	.....	.....	2 45	.....	.....	1 00	62 15
Woodland	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	62 00
Wake Union	100 00	.....	9 00	10 50	20 00	.....	.....	40 00	2 50	182 00
Forestville	250 00	90 00	50 00	30 00	60 00	50 00	.....	81 27	3 00	614 27
Rolesville	225 00	134 00	.....	8 35	20 00	.....	.....	....	2 00	389 35
Wake Forest	200 00	97 10	153 05	285 63	98 42	25 90	21 00	63 52	5 00	949 62
Hopkins' Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 25
Midway	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	65 00
New Hope	125 00	2 30	8 72	24 94	10 41	8 16	.....	25 10	3 00	207 57
Raleigh, (1st Church)	2,000 00	1,385 76	194 16	121 70	114 90	.....	.....	268 12	5 00	4,089 64
Wake Cross Roads	150 00	16 00	5 50	26 20	1 50	....	.....	4 00	1 50	204 70
	$ 4 685 00	$ 3,729 59	$434 09	$563 78	$435 23	$128 78	$40 15	$674 47	$47 70	$ 10,718 73

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. Sunday School papers taken	No months kept open.
Youngsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brassfields	T. Y Allen	Grissom	7	44	42	100	50	6
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	6	60	45	400	.....	12
Franklinton	C. Winston	Franklinton	14	97	52	150	111	.....
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Purnell	Franklinton	6	50	35	50	25	9
Mt. Vernon	E. S Dunn	Neuse	8	50	35	150	20	12
New Bethel	L. T. Buchanan	Rogers' Store	9	57	40	50	.....	12
Olive Branch	G. C. Stallings	Fish Dam	8	60	30	.....	1	10
Bay Leaf	J. D. Allen	Neuse	5	22	20	50	.....	8
Woodland	W. B. Wingate	Wake Forest	5	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wake Union	J. T. Rogers	Forestville	9	55	47	56	35	8
Forestville	W. B. Smith	Forestville	7	36	25	400	20	12
Rolesville	A. P. Upchurch	Rolesville	12	161	90	275	.....	12
Wake Forest	E. E. Hilliard	Wake Forest	12	138	125	.....	50	12
Hopkins' Chapel	W. K. Phillips	Riley's Cross Roads	5	75	50	.....	20	12
Midway	N. G. Sanderford	Raleigh	8	41	35	120	25	12
New Hope	R. J. Buffaloe	Raleigh	8	70	50	207	35	12
Raleigh, (1st Church)	W. N. Jones	Raleigh	39	540	340	1780	545	12
Wake Cross Roads	L. N. Ranes	Neuse	13	118	75	200	.....	12
			181	1719	1136	3988	937	

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Wake County, N. C.,

August 28th, 29th and 30th, 1883.

RALEIGH:
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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS.

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" A. F. PUREFOY,	"	"
" C. W. SCARBOROUGH,	"	"
" W. T. JONES,	"	"
" A. G. MCMANAWAY,	Louisburg,	"
" THOS. E. SKINNER, D. D.,	Raleigh,	"
" C. T. BAILEY,	"	"
" C. S. FARRISS,	"	"
" J. C. HOCUT,	Dayton,	"
" J. H. BOOTH,	Moore's Mills,	"
" W. B. MORTON,	Wake Forest,	"

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

L. R. MILLS, ... Wake Forest, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

J. N. HOLDING, ... Raleigh, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

REV. J. S. PUREFOY, ... Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH,
Tuesday, August 28th, 1883.

The Central Association meets in its twenty-fourth annual session at Mt. Vernon church, Wake County, N. C.

Elder C. W. Scarborough preaches the introductory sermon from Isaiah 48: 9—11; after which the Association, on motion, adjourns to meet at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. W. B. Royall conducts religious exercises, and the Association is called to order by Moderator N. E. Cannady.

The roll of churches is called and the following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Youngsville—Thomas Barrow, J. S. Timberlake, T. J. Crocker, L. W. Dent and Alonzo Williams.

Brassfields—Z. M. Allen, A. L. Davis, H. Garner, J. D. Davis and T. L. Cannady.

Flat Rock—J. Robert Jones, W. H. Beddingfield, Perry Wiggins, J. E. Alford and W. C. Hart.

Franklinton—W. H. Mitchell, A. B. Wester, N. Y. Gulley, W. P. Perry and H. S. Lowry.

Perry's Chapel—T. H. Griffin, R. S. Mitchener, R. O. Purnell, W. S. Pruett and C. D. Ray.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mount Vernon—J. S. Ray, Allen Honeycutt, W. L. Terrell, Reuben Cooper and Henry Harrell.

New Bethel—J. M. Adams, David C. Beck, W. A. Brogden, W. M. Ross and G. W. Ray.

Olive Branch—W. J. Evans, S. J. Ferrell, M. E. Gooch, Ennis Hocut and J. E. Suitt.

Bay Leaf—A. Y. Bailey and James Terry.

Woodland—Willis Smith, A. D. O'Neal, G. W. Smith, Wiley Watkins and A. G. Watkins.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Wake Union—George B. Allen, J. R. Holland, A. Winston, George W. Thompson and George W. Davis.

Wake Forest—W. G. Simmons, W. C. Lankford, L. R. Mills, F. M. Purefoy and P. A. Dunn.

Forestville—A. R. Vann, W. B. Smith, J. C. Leigh, L. N. Chappell and W. W. Holding.
Rolesville—W. W. Rogers, R. A. Freeman, J. R. Broughton, A. P. Upchurch and Ren Williams.
Hopkins' Chapel—B. W. Ray, J. H. Ray, J. R. Hicks, A. J. Hicks and H. K. Strickland.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Midway—N. G. Sanderford, Joseph A. Peebles, J. B. Harp, J. Y. Chappell and John McDade.
New Hope—B. B. Buffaloe, Sidney Partin, R. J. Buffaloe, C. H. Baugh and John Griffin.
Wake Cross Roads—Wesley Stell, G. L. Peebles, William Stell, George White and W. P. O'Neal.
Raleigh (Salisbury Street)—Jordan Womble, Jr., T. H. Briggs, Jr., Rev. C. T. Bailey, W. J. Peele and J. N. Holding.

The election of officers being next in order, Bro. N. E. Cannady, acting Moderator, after thanking the Association for the high honor conferred upon him in keeping him as Moderator of the body from its organization, states with regret that he can no longer serve the Association on account of age, and therefore requests that he be not elected again.

The Association is waited on by brethren J. E. Ray and P. A. Dunn, and the following officers are elected:

Moderator—Prof. L. R. Mills; Clerk and Treasurer—J. N. Holding; Historian—Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

The Moderator extends an invitation to all visiting brethren from other Associations to take seats with the delegates and participate in all the proceedings of the Association. Bro. D. B. Holland reports himself from the Raleigh Association, and Elder Thomas Carrick reports himself from the Tar River Association.

Prof. W. B. Royall offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

Resolved, That the refusal of our beloved brother N. E. Cannady to serve longer as Moderator of this Association has caused deep regret, and that we hereby tender to him our sincere thanks for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has for so many years discharged the duties of this office.

Elder C. W. Scarborough moves that the Association meet each day at 9:30 a. m., spend half an hour in religious exercises, and adjourn at 12 m.; convene at 1:30 p. m., and adjourn at will.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Vernon church.
Finance—W. H. Mitchell, W. B. Smith and E. S. Dunn.
Periodicals—Rev. J. S. Purefoy, Wesley Stell and B. B. Buffaloe.
Place and Preachers for next Meeting—N. E. Cannady, J. R. Holland and A. Dunn.

Sunday Schools—Elder C. W. Scarborough, George W. Thompson and J. C. Leigh.
State Missions—J. E. Ray, L. N. Chappell and R. A. Freeman.
Education—Prof. W. B. Royall, J. S. Ray and George B. Allen.
Foreign Missions—Prof. C. E. Taylor, J. R. Hicks and A. R. Vann.
Home Missions—Elder W. T. Jones, Rev. C. T. Bailey and W. C. Lankford.

On motion, the report on State Missions is made special order for Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

There being no special order of business before the Association, Prof. C. E. Taylor speaks in behalf of the endowment of Wake Forest College, and urges the brethren to consider the work earnestly and prayerfully.

Rev. J. S. Purefoy, Historian, reads his report, which is adopted after remarks by brethren C. T. Bailey, L. Chappell and L. R. Mills.

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN.

God has been good to us another year. Average good health has prevailed within our bounds. No severe epidemics have scourged our people in the broad extent of our whole land. Peace and plenty prevails everywhere within our United States. Religious liberty is fully enjoyed by every person among the millions of our population. The prayer of Christ's servants, "Thy kingdom come," has been answered as never before.

God in His providence has taken from our midst one of our most useful and esteemed ministers, Dr. W. T. Brooks. He was a native of Chatham county, N. C. His parents were Terrell and Susannah Brooks. He was born December 9th, 1809, and died at his residence in Wake Forest on January 16th, 1883, aged 74 years. His father died when he was 15 years old, leaving a widow with six sons and seven daughters. At the age of ten he went to a primary school and learned to read, write and cipher. The first religious impressions made upon his mind was by the preaching of three colored slaves, viz., Philip Brooks, Jacob Hunter and Robert Hackney; he also heard Zachariah Harmon, Robert T. Daniel, Noah Richardson, Thomas D. Armstrong and James McDaniel. The Baptist State Convention met at Rive's chapel in 1832, which was also conducted as a revival meeting, in which Dr. Brooks, with others, professed conversion. He was baptized by Elder Noah Richardson into the fellowship of Rive's Chapel church in September, 1832. He became impressed with the importance of a higher education, and in 1834 sold his farm, stock, &c., and at the age of 24 went to school to John L. Gay, at Rive's Chapel. In May, 1835, he went to Wake Forest Institute (now College), and was ordained the same year to the work of the gospel ministry at the age of 25 years. He graduated in 1839 at 30 years of age, in the first class sent out with diplomas. In 1843 he was appointed tutor in Wake Forest College and afterwards to a professorship, which he held for a number of years and then resigned. He received the title of Doctor of Divinity in 1874. For a number of years he was President of the Baptist State Convention and of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College. He was the prime actor in building up a Baptist church in the town of Henderson, which church he served many years as pastor. He served Mt. Vernon church as pastor with much success and satisfaction for about 30 years and resigned on account of feeble health. He also served Forestville church for several years. Dr. Brooks married Emily W. Fort, daughter of Deacon Foster Fort, who died leaving three children. He subsequently married Miss D. S. Ray, who faithfully watched and nursed him through six years of much feebleness and sickness in his latter days until his

death. He was a God-fearing man who took great interest in the prosperity of religion and in the extending of the Redeemer's kingdom. As a preacher he was plain and practical, preaching the pure gospel with power, tenderness and sympathy. He was always prompt in his church appointments as well as all other obligations. He was a warm friend of the College and of all our denominational work of every kind. Many young ministers and other students have reason to kindly remember him for the timely aid he gave them in acquiring their education. The Central Association was rather a pet with him, he having been the principal mover in its organization. He gave liberally to all our benevolent institutions and always contributed his share in every financial enterprise for the benefit of Wake Forest College. Having thus spent a most useful life in the cause of humanity and of his God, he gently fell asleep in the faith of the Son of God, to await a glorious resurrection. He went to receive a crown of life and glory which Paul said was for all who love His appearing.

Deacon Joshua Watkins, of Woodland church, died August 27, 1882, aged 76. He was a good man and died in the faith of the Son of God.

We regret to have to record the death of Deacon M. B. Callendine, who died in Baltimore, June 12th, 1883. He was a deacon of the First Baptist church in Raleigh. He was a good citizen, an eminent Christian worker, and used the office of a deacon well to the glory of his Lord and Saviour.

We also record the death of Deacon William A. Baugh, of New Hope church, on August 8th, 1883, in his 40th year. He was baptized when eighteen years old. He served as deacon six years with great acceptance and satisfaction; for a time he was superintendent of the Sabbath School. He was a good man and is a great loss to the church and community.

The ministers ordained in our Association during the past year are J. F. Moore and M. J. Willoughby.

We hope that Prof. C. E. Taylor will, with the aid of the brethren and the blessing of the Lord, succeed in bringing the endowment of Wake Forest College up to $100,000 by the end of the year.

The total baptisms for the Associational year, as reported in the letters, are 174. Several of the churches have had no revivals this year.

As on last year, I propose to give a short history of one of our churches. I will notice Wake Union church this year.

The records of this church previous to 1830 are all lost. An old paper is extant showing how the house was built in 1789, ninety-four years ago. This paper was drawn up by Ransom Sutherland, and contains a full list of all the subscriptions made for its erection. The people of the neighborhood united into a kind of society or compact, styled "The Council of the United Brethren," and built the house. On the 2nd day of April, 1791, this council met at the meeting house. "It was resolved unanimously: That the monthly portion of time to be assigned to each sectary [denomination] concerned in the said church [house], for public worship in the same shall be in the following order, viz: The Baptist party shall be entitled to one week in each month hereafter, comprehending the first Sunday in every month, which week shall commence on the Friday next before the first Sunday in each month, and shall end for that month on the Thursday next following." "The Methodist party" were to have the same days of the week embracing the second Sunday. The "High Church party" the same embracing the third Sunday. "The Presbyterian party" the same embracing the fourth Sunday. The Methodist, High Church and Presbyterian parties withdrew and left the house in the quiet possession of the Baptists for some 80 years. The Baptists have enlarged and improved the house very much. We infer from the above statement and other circumstances that Wake Union church was constituted by Elders Jacob Crocker and James Weathers about 1789, and is about 94 years old. Elder James Weathers was probably the first pastor, Jacob Crocker the second, Elder Muse the third. Elder Bartholomew Fuller, we think, was pastor from about 1800 to 1809. Elder John Purefoy became their pastor, as we suppose, about 1810, and continued most of the time up to 1834—about 24 years. The pastors afterward were in the following order: James Dennis, 1835–'36; Thomas

Crocker, 1837–'38 ; P. W. Dowd, 1839 to 1843 ; Thomas Crocker, 1844–'45–'46 ; James S. Purefoy, 1847–'48–'49–'50 ; Samuel Wait served six months in 1851, and resigned to take charge of the Oxford Female Seminary ; James S. Purefoy, six months of 1851, and continued seven years, including 1858 ; W. A. Atkinson, 1859 ; P. W. Dowd, 1860–'61 ; James S. Purefoy, 1862–'63 ; Stinceon Ivey, 1864 ; William Royall, 1865–'66–'67–'68–'69 ; J. L. Carroll, 1870 ; James S. Purefoy, 1871–'72–'73 ; E. F. Beachum, 1874–'75–'76–'77–'78; W. L. Wright, 1879 ; C. W. Scarborough, 1880–'81 ; W. B. Royall, 1882, and C. E. Taylor, 1883.

As well as we can learn this church has been missionary in spirit and practice. In 1832 Rev. A. S. Wynn represented it in the Baptist State Convention with $10, which has been practiced since with varied amounts.

The first deacons of which we have any account were Smith Abernethy and Foster Fort. The former died in 1842, the latter in 1843. William Crenshaw was elected deacon to fill the place of Deacon Abernethy, and George W. Thompson to fill the place of Deacon Fort. Deacon Abner L. Holton united with the church in 1847 by letter, and was voted to act as deacon of this church. Deacon Isaac Winston was received by letter and afterwards voted to act as deacon. In 1850 brethren John P. Robertson and Michael Thompson were appointed deacons. The present deacons are George B. Allen, James A. Winston, George W. Davis and G. W. Thompson.

Allen S. Wynn was ordained to the work of the ministry by Elders John Purefoy and Samuel Wait in November, 1834. John Coker was ordained to the ministry in this church by Elder John Purefoy and P. C. Connelly, July 6, 1833. James S. Purefoy was ordained to the ministry and William Crenshaw to the deaconship on May 1, 1842. Elder John Coker was dismissed by letter in 1834 and moved to the Southwest. From 1830 to 1883, fifty-three years, there were added to the church by experience and baptism 307 persons. On May 5th, 1832, this church observed foot washing as an ordinance.

On Saturday, the 31st day of March, 1832, it was agreed to hold four quarterly meetings in each year, to begin on Friday and hold through Sunday in the months of February, May, August, November and December. It was usual to have the communion on these Sabbaths. This was the custom with all the churches of which Elder John Purefoy was pastor. In November, 1834, this query was proposed : Is a member of this church justifiable in purchasing lottery tickets ? Answer—They are not justifiable in so doing.

In 1830–'31 and '32 was the time of the great revival of three years' continuance in this and all the surrounding churches, when many were added to this and the other churches. In October, 1834, there was a revival at Wake Forest Institute (now College), at which time a large number of the students professed conversion and 23 united with this church. In August, 1835, 14 of these young members were dismissed by letter to constitute a church at Wake Forest Institute (now College), and the church was soon thereafter constituted. A great revival occurred in this church and 46 were baptized in October, 1846, by Elder James S. Purefoy, pastor, Elder W. M. Wingate assisting. Many of these members are fallen asleep in Jesus, but a number are now living who are laboring in the cause of Christ in connection with this and other churches. This church has done a noble work for Christ.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

Rev. J. S. Purefoy moves that the Missionary sermon be preached on Wednesday at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Association adjourns until 9:30 A. M. Wednesday, Aug. 29th, 1883.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 29th, 1883.

Religious exercises are conducted by Elder Thomas Carrick, after which the Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The proceedings of the previous day are read and approved, and the roll of delegates is called.

The Moderator extends an invitation to all visiting brethren to report their names and join the delegates in the proceedings of the Association. The following report themselves from their respective Associations: Dr. J. D. Hufham and Brother P. H. Purnell, from the Tar River Association; Rev. S. H. Thompson, from the Liberty Association.

Letters from the Raleigh, Midway, Youngsville, Olive Branch and Woodland churches are read, and the delegates from the respective churches enrolled.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Bailey, the Missionary Sermon is dispensed with.

Prof. C. E. Taylor offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

Resolved, That Article XIV of the Constitution be changed by striking out the words "*and a Missionary Sermon.*"

The hour for the discussion of the report on State Missions having arrived, Brother J. E. Ray reads the report.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, the State Mission work lies at the foundation of all our beneficent enterprises; Whereas, the State Mission Board is putting forth *earnest efforts* to send the gospel to every destitute neighborhood in North Carolina; Whereas, God has so signally blessed these efforts to the building up of the waste places in our Zion, the strengthening of our weak churches and the salvation of more than *seven hundred souls*, the organization of *seventeen* new churches and *sixty-one* new Sunday Schools, and in the erection of *ten* new meeting houses on the mission fields last year alone; Whereas, there are still *whole counties* in the State without any Baptist church or Baptist preaching, and quite a number of counties with only one or two churches each; Whereas, the Board is now in great and immediate need of funds for the prosecution of this grand work; And Whereas, Jesus Christ has said to *us*, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;*" therefore

Resolved 1. That we recognize the importance of this department of our Christian labor.

Resolved 2. That we deeply sympathize with the efforts of the State Mission Board.

Resolved 3. That we lift our hearts in sincere gratitude to Almighty God for

His goodness and mercy towards us, and for the privilege of aiding so great, so glorious an undertaking—giving the bread of life to perishing souls.

Resolved 4. That we hear with deep sorrow of the vast destitution in some sections of the State.

Resolved 5. That we will *do our best* to relieve the Board of its present embarrassed condition, consequent upon the scarcity of funds, and assume the balance of the pledge of $800 made at the last Baptist State Convention for the Central Association, which balance is $525.

Resolved 6. That we believe it to be our duty to obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we will consecrate our time, our talents, our *means*, our ALL for the good of His cause and the spread of the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, taking as our motto: "North Carolina for Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. RAY,
L. N. CHAPPELL,
R. A. FREEMAN,
Committee.

The report is discussed by brethren J. E. Ray and J. D. Hufham, and the following pledges and contributions are obtained:

Churches—Brassfields, Flat Rock and Mt. Vernon, $20 each; New Hope, $25; Perry's Chapel, Rolesville and Hopkins' Chapel, $10 each; Youngsville, New Bethel, Woodland, Wake Cross Roads and Midway, $5 each. *Individual Pledges*—W. O. Allen, J. E. Ray and Mrs. J. E. Ray, $20 each; Prof. C. E. Taylor, $10; Dr. William Royall, Dr. A. R. Vann and R. J. Buffaloe, $5 each; W. L. Poteat, $2.50; contributions, $2.50. Total, $230.

Report adopted.

Association adjourns till 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Prof. C. E. Taylor and adopted, after remarks by brethren C. E. Taylor, J. L. Booth, A. G. McManaway and L. R. Mills.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Central Association is pledged to the payment of one-half of the salary of Elder Matthew T. Yates, who is preaching Christ in China in our stead.

The letters from the churches show that the following amounts have been paid for the past year:

CHURCHES.	Apportionment.	Paid.	Due on last year.	Total am't due.
Youngsville	$ 10 00	$ 10 00		
Brassfields	20 00	20 00		
Flat Rock	25 00	25 00		
Franklinton	25 00	25 00		
Perry's Chapel	5 00	5 00		
Mt. Vernon	25 00	25 00		
New Bethel	10 00	10 00		
Olive Branch	15 00	1 13		$ 13 87
Bay Leaf	5 00			5 00
Wake Union	20 00	20 00		
Woodland	5 00	5 00	$ 5 00	5 00
Forestville	60 00	60 00		
Wake Forest	70 00	108 59		*38 59
Rolesville	20 00	20 00		
Hopkins' Chapel	20 00	10 45	20 00	29 55
Midway	5 00	5 00		
New Hope	20 00	29 59	9 59	
Raleigh	250 00	169 93	114 90	144 97
Wake X Roads	20 00	7 91	18 50	30 59
	$ 630 00	$ 557 60	$ 167 99	$ 228 98

The amount lacking to complete the $630.00, is $190.39.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. TAYLOR,
J. R. HICKS,
A. R. VANN,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

The committee appointed to select the place and preachers for the next Association, select Forestville as the place; Prof. C. E. Taylor to preach the Introductory Sermon, Prof. W. B. Royall, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

N. E. CANNADY,
P. A. DUNN,
J. R. HOLLAND,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The report of the committee to re-apportion the churches for Foreign Missions (Dr. Yates' salary) is read by Elder C. W. Scarborough, chairman.

*Overpaid.

REPORT ON RE-APPORTIONMENT.

Churches.	Apportioned.
Raleigh (1st church)	$250 00
Wake Forest	70 00
Forestville	45 00
Franklinton	25 00
Mt. Vernon	25 00
Brassfields	20 00
Flat Rock	25 00
Wake Union	20 00
New Hope	20 00
Wake X Roads	20 00
Hopkins' Chapel	$ 20 00
Olive Branch	15 00
New Bethel	15 00
Rolesville	20 00
Woodland	5 00
Midway	5 00
Perry's Chapel	10 00
Bay Leaf	5 00
Youngsville	15 00

Report adopted.

Prof. W. B. Royall reads the report on Ministerial Education.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The need of the hour is an increase of laborers in the Lord's vineyard, faithful ministers of Jesus Christ, men apt to teach, studying to show themselves approved unto God, workmen needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We are commanded to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. This prayer we may certainly rely upon the Lord to answer, but it must be genuine prayer—honest prayer—which is ever accompanied by a willingness on our part to be co-workers with the Lord. To Cornelius the angel said, "Thy prayer and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

The Education Board has helped thirty-four young brethren during the past year with the money contributed by the churches. This is a larger work than has ever before been done, but still more needs to be done the coming year. It is for the churches to say whether it shall be so. God seems willing to give us the men. Shall we help them to prepare for the blessed work to which He calls them? The responsibility is thrust upon us. Shall we meet it?

W. B. ROYALL,
J. S. RAY,
G. B. ALLEN,
Committee.

The report is discussed by brethren C. W. Scarborough, A. G. McManaway, J. D. Hufham, C. E. Taylor and J. S. Purefoy.

Prof. C. E. Taylor, Cor. Sec. of the Board of Education, states that the Board is in debt $100, and asks the brethren to relieve the Board of this debt and enable it to begin work unfettered and unencumbered. The following pledges and contributions were obtained:

W. O. Allen, J. S. Purefoy, C. T. Bailey, P. A. Dunn, W. B. Royall, C. E. Taylor, $10 each; W. C. Lankford, Dr. Wm. Royall, Wesley Stell, Mrs. P. H. Johnson, W. L. Terrell, Wm. Harp, Willis Smith, $5 each; R. Privett $1; collection $6.32. Total $102.32.

Report adopted.

Elder Thomas Carrick speaks in behalf of the Memorial church at Greenville, Pitt county, N. C., and asks the Association to aid in erecting a house of worship in memory of the men who formed and organized the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in Greenville in the year 1830.

Prof. W. B. Royall moves that Elder S. H. Thompson be allowed the privilege of presenting the claims of the Lexington church on Thursday after the discussion of the report on periodicals, and that Elder Thomas Carrick be allowed the privilege of again presenting the claims of the Greenville Memorial Church on Thursday at some suitable time.

Association adjourns till 9.30 A. M., Thursday, August 30th, 1883.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 30th, 1883.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator, and prayer is offered by Elder S. H. Thompson.

The report on Periodicals is read by Rev. C. T. Bailey.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It affords your committee pleasure to report an increased interest in the circulation of religious literature among the churches of the State. The good done by the RECORDER in informing and quickening our people and enlisting their co-operation in all the general work of the denomination, has impressed our best pastors and leading laymen with the importance of having the paper generally taken and read by the members of our churches. And we advise the pastors and workers of the churches of this Association to make special efforts for the circulation of its paper. We also recommend the general circulation of *Kind Words*, of Macon, Ga., our Sunday School paper, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., in the Sunday Schools and churches of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PUREFOY,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
WESLEY STELL,
Committee.

Brethren C. T. Bailey, J. D. Hufham and J. S. Purefoy speak in behalf of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and the report is adopted.

Elder S. H. Thompson asks the Association to aid in erecting a house of worship at Lexington, N. C., and receives in pledges and contributions about $40.00.

Elder Thomas Carrick again speaks in behalf of the Greenville Memorial Church, and receives in pledges and contributions $111.00.

The report on Home Missions is read by Elder W. T. Jones.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is now endeavoring to have the gospel preached in the destitute portions of the Southern States, among the Chinese of California, and among the Indians of the West. This grand work is progressing as well as could be expected under the circumstances, but it demands a greater interest on the part of the churches than is now shown. Brother Dodson, that faithful Agent of the Board, is dead, but let us not, for his sake, forget it; nay more, for the sake of Christ, let us not forget it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. JONES,
C. T. BAILEY,
W. C. LANKFORD,
Committee.

After remarks by Rev. A. G. McManaway, the report is adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The church letters show a decrease of about 200 in the number of pupils this year as compared with last. Two or three of our churches report no schools. This, certainly, is neither as it should be nor as it has been in the past. Much efficient work has been done during the year in our schools, but vastly more could have been done if this department of Christian work were as near to the hearts of God's people as He would have it. We can't afford to lose ground at any point, and to prevent further loss in the number of pupils and the efficiency of our work, we suggest a return to our institute work, which has been abandoned during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
G. W. THOMPSON,
J. C. LEIGH,
Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. C. W. Scarborough moves that a committee be appointed to look after the management of the Sunday School Institutes within the limits of the Central Association.

The Moderator appoints on the committee brethren W. L. Poteat, D. W. Allen, W. B. Smith, W. T. Jones and W. F. Marshall.

Association adjourns till 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. C. W. Scarborough asks the Association to aid Woodland and Perry's Chapel churches in completing their houses of worship. The Wake Forest and Wake Union churches pledge the respective amounts of $15 and $10 for the Woodland church.

The following pledges are obtained for the church at Perry's Chapel from the various churches: Raleigh (1st church) $20.00; Brassfields and Flat Rock, $10.00 each; New Hope $5.00. The delegates from the other churches of the Association promise to obtain what they can from their respective churches for the church at Perry's Chapel.

Bro. P. A. Dunn moves that a committee of three be appointed to draw up a regular order of business for the next meeting of the Association. The Moderator appoints the following: Rev. J. S. Purefoy, Prof. W. B. Royall and W. B. Dunn.

The Finance Committee report having received from the churches for the minute fund the following amounts:

Youngsville	$2 00	Forestville	$2 50
Brassfields	3 00	Rolesville	2 00
Flat Rock	3 25	Wake Forest	5 00
Franklinton	3 00	Hopkins' Chapel	1 70
Perry's Chapel	2 00	Midway	1 70
Mt. Vernon	4 05	New Hope	3 00
New Bethel	3 00	Raleigh (First church)	5 00
Olive Branch	2 50	Wake X Roads	2 84
Bay Leaf	50		
Woodland	2 00	Total	$51 04
Wake Union	2 00		

Also $1.25 from Bay Leaf church for Home Missions, and the following amounts for Dr. Yates' salary: $10.45 from Hopkins' Chapel; $5 from Woodland, and $1.13 from Olive Branch.

Elder C. W. Scarborough offers the following resolution, which is adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the church at Mt. Vernon and this community, for the cordial reception and hospitality extended to us during this session.

Bro. P. A. Dunn moves that the Clerk be allowed $15 for his services, and that seven hundred copies of the Minutes of the Association be printed.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet with the Forestville Baptist church, on the 4th Tuesday in August, 1884.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

J. N. HOLDING,
Clerk.

L. R. MILLS, *Moderator.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee for the Minute fund	$51	04
" Bay Leaf church for Home Missions	1	25
" Hopkins' Chapel church for Foreign Missions	10	45
" Woodland church for Foreign Missions	5	00
" Olive Branch church for Foreign Missions	1	13
Total amount received	$68	87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Missions	$16	58
" Edwards, Broughton & Co., for printing, binding and mailing 700 copies of the minutes	36	04
" B. F. Montague, Treasurer, &c., for Home Missions	1	25
" Clerk for services	15	00
Total disbursements	$68	87

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HOLDING,
Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury,

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.
7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion, without the consent of the Association.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.
14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority.

CORRECTION.

In the hurry of making out the financial and Sunday School reports of the First Church at Raleigh in the letter sent to the Association, several mistakes were made. By request of the Church we have asked the Clerk of the Association to admit the following statement to appear in the Minutes:

Church expenses,	$1,724 75
Ministerial education,	30 00
To the poor and other objects,	410 40
Contributions from Sunday school,	819 45

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

No. Scholars,	490
No. Volumes in Library,	1,200

JOHN T. PULLEN,
Church Clerk.

J. D. JOYNER,
Sec'y Sunday School.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Lett'r.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Youngsville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	E. G. Conyers,	Youngsville,	16	14	--	1	--	--	30	29	59	--
Brassfields,	C.W.Scarborough	Wake Forest,	N. E. Cannady,	Mt. Energy,	---	5	--	5	2	3	40	73	113	--
Flat Rock,	C.W.Scarborough	Wake Forest,	R. J. Conyers,	Youngsville,	3	8	--	3	8	2	93	181	274	7
Franklinton,	A. G.McManaway	Louisburg,	C. Pritchard,	Franklinton,	1	--	--	5	1	1	44	49	93	--
Perry's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell,	Wake Forest,	R. O. Purnell,	Franklinton,	---	3	--	----	1	1	24	33	57	4
Mt. Vernon,	O. L. Stringfield,	Wakefield,	J. D. Allen,	Neuse,	10	7	--	5	2	2	45	90	135	--
New Bethel,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store,	W. A. Jones,	Rogers' Store,	9	2	1	6	2	--	76	109	185	--
Olive Branch,	John C. Hocutt,	Dayton,	J. E. Suitt,	Fish Dam,	16	--	1	4	2	3	55	64	119	--
Bay Leaf,	J. R. Maynard,	Morrisville,	S. F. Bailey,	Hutchinson's Store,	---	--	--	----	2	1	6	11	17	--
Woodland,	J. R. Maynard,	Morrisville,	G. W. Smith,	Wake Forest,	---	2	--	2	1	1	44	70	114	--
Wake Union,	C. E. Taylor,	Wake Forest,	J. A. Winston,	Youngsville,	---	6	1	10	--	1	22	38	60	--
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	---	3	-	3	--	8	37	42	79	--
Rolesville,	William Royall,	Wake Forest,	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	16	2	--	6	1	2	92	157	249	--
Wake Forest,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	W. L. Poteat,	Wake Forest,	24	14	--	26	-	2	115	67	182	--
Hopkins' Chapel,	J. H. Booth,	Moore's Mills,	J. H. Ray,	Wakefield,	18	1	--	7	10	5	65	150	215	--
Midway,	W. B. Morton,	Wake Forest,	J. Y. Chappell,	Raleigh,	---	2	--	----	--	--	18	26	44	--
New Hope,	W. T. Jones,	Wake Forest,	R. J. Buffaloe,	Raleigh,	16	1	1	6	1	1	44	93	137	13
Raleigh (1st Ch.),	T. E. Skinner,	Raleigh,	J. T. Pullen,	Raleigh,	40	12	1	25	11	10	195	348	543	--
Wake Cross R'ds,	O. L. Stringfield,	Wakefield,	H. Watkins,	Neuse,	---	2	3	4	7	1	62	91	153	--
					169	84	8	118	51	44	1107	1721	2828	24

Statement of Funds Reported in Church Letters.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Home Missin's.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Amount.
Youngsville,	$ 100 00		$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 10 00	$ 12 00		$ 27 05	$ 2 00	$ 166 08
Brassfields,	200 00	$ 5 85	23 35	5 65	20 00	3 36	$ 2 00	16 50	3 00	279 71
Flat Rock,	400 00	5 00	5 75	10 00	25 00		13 00	15 27	3 25	477 27
Franklinton,	350 00	30 00	8 96	16 88	25 00	1 90	7 93	101 65	3 00	544 32
Perry's Chapel,	100 00	8 60		5 00	5 00			9 00	2 00	129 60
Mt. Vernon,	150 00	5 40	27 75	58 85	50 00	24 10	12 00	187 35	4 05	519 50
New Bethel,	100 00		5 00		10 00			5 00	3 00	123 00
Olive Branch,	100 00	164 58		5 00	1 13	6 00		6 50	2 50	285 71
Bay Leaf,	32 00	4 25		3 68					50	40 43
Woodland,	60 00	80 00			5 00				2 00	147 00
Wake Union,	100 00		9 00	10 50	20 00			55 00	2 00	196 50
Forestville,	200 00	175 00		8 00	60 00		9 50	105 60	2 50	561 10
Rolesville,	125 00	38 05		5 50	20 00				2 00	190 55
Wake Forest,	200 00	44 39	92 15	52 40	108 59	3 00	35 31	236 54	5 00	779 38
Hopkins' Chapel,	100 00	97 70		2 00	10 45		70		1 70	212 65
Midway,	75 00				5 00			4 00	1 70	85 70
New Hope,	225 00	21 50	38 61	39 29	29 59		10 00	6 00	3 00	372 99
Raleigh (1st Church),	2,000 00	661 00		332 76	167 93		40 20	274 40	5 00	3,481 29
Wake Cross Roads,	150 00	157 00	3 13	5 85	7 91	7 07			2 84	333 80
	$4,767 00	$1,498 32	$218 70	$571 36	$580 60	$59 43	$130 64	$1,049 98	$51 04	$8,758 55

Sabbath School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. Sunday School Papers taken.	No. Months kept open.
Youngsville,	J. J. Barrow,	Youngsville,	8	86	40	70	52	12
Brassfields,	W. J. Ferrell,	Wilton,	5	40	25	100	48	7
Flat Rock,	P. M. Harrison,	Youngsville,	6	48	40	400	------	12
Franklinton,	C. Winston,	Franklinton,	14	90	43	200	108	12
Perry's Chapel,	R. O. Purnell,	Franklinton,	6	52	35	40	7	9
Mt. Vernon,	E. S. Dunn,	Neuse,	8	50	30	200	20	12
New Bethel,	J. C. Moore,	Rogers' Store,	9	50	30	50	41	8
Olive Branch,	Ennis Hocutt,	Dayton,	9	79	40	----	45	----
Bay Leaf,	J. D. Allen,	Neuse,	----	----	----	39	------	----
Woodland,	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	------	----
Wake Union,	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	------	----
Forestville,	L. N. Chappell,	Forestville,	12	26	16	400	20	12
Rolesville,	David Dizer,	Rolesville,	14	107	45	275	------	12
Wake Forest,	W. F. Marshall,	Wake Forest,	11	160	103	----	225	12
Hopkins' Chapel,	W. K. Phillips,	Riley's X Roads,	7	50	30	----	15	12
Midway,	N. G. Sanderford.	Raleigh,	8	69	44	120	25	12
New Hope,	R. J. Buffaloe,	Raleigh,	7	60	40	200	30	12
Raleigh (1st Church),	E. G. Harrell,	Raleigh,	36	354	300	1700	650	12
Wake Cross Roads,	Wesley Stell,	Neuse,	10	168	100	150	40	12
			170	1489	961	3944	1,326	

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Elder	WM. ROYALL, D. D.,	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	W. B. ROYALL	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. S. PUREFOY	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	C. E. TAYLOR	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	R. T. VANN	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. B. HARRELL	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	A. G. McMANAWAY	Louisburg, N. C.
"	THOS. E. SKINNER, D. D.	Raleigh, N. C.
"	C. T. BAILEY, D. D.	Raleigh, N. C.
"	C. S. FARRISS	Raleigh, N. C.
"	JOHN C. HOCUT	Dayton, N. C.
"	J. H. BOOTH	Moore's Mills, N. C.
"	W. J. FULFORD	Franklinton, N. C.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

L. R. Mills ---- Wake Forest, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

J. N. HOLDING ---- Raleigh, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

Rev. J. S. Purefoy ---- Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FORESTVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
TUESDAY, August 26th, 1884.

The Central Association meets in its twenty-fifth annual session at Forestville Church, Wake county, N. C.

Prof. Charles E. Taylor preaches the introductory sermon from 1 Peter 4: 10, and 1 Cor. 4: 1–2. After which the Association adjourns to meet at 1: 30 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After religious exercises conducted by Rev. R. T. Vann, the Association is called to order by the Moderator, L. R. Mills.

The roll of churches is called, and the following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Youngsville—J. A. Winston, J. J. Barrow, T. J. Crocker, N. G. Timberlake and J. B. Allen.

Brassfields—T. L. Cannady, W. R. Walters, I. S. Bailey, A. L. Davis and S. H. Cannady.

Flat Rock—P. M. Harrison, L. C. Mitchener, G. H. Wiggins, S. N. Little and W. B. Allen.

Franklinton—W. H. Mitchell, N. Y. Gulley, J. S. Joyner, John T. McGhee and B. H. Winston.

Perry's Chapel—Rev. M. R. Purnell, T. H. Griffin, M. A. Griffin, J. E. Alford and R. O. Purnell.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mount Vernon—John J. Dunn, John A. Honeycutt, W. L. Terrell, E. S. Dunn, and D. D. Gill.

New Bethel—I. J. Brogden, David Beck, E. M. Perry, G. W. Perry and A. C. Ray.

Olive Branch—John C. Hocutt, M. L. Stallings, Ennis Hocutt, John H. Penny and John M. Pollard.

Bay Leaf—A. Y. Bailey, H. P. Thompson and S. F. Bailey.

Woodland—W. W. Watkins, Willis S. Smith, B. H. Davis, Hal. O'Neal and Ransom Bridgers.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Wake Union—J. R. Holland, Geo. W. Davis, R. N. Griffin, W. D. Bailey and W. O. Allen.

Wake Forest—L. R. Mills, J. T. Gattis, W. C. Powell, P. A. Dunn and C. E. Brewer.

Forestville—W. B. Dunn, A. R. Vann, W. B. Smith, D. W. Allen and Willis Holding.

Rolesville—R. A. Freeman, Richard Pearce, J. T. Hagwood, W. H. Hagwood and S. T. Hall.

Hopkin's Chapel—G. B. Stallings, W. T. Scarboro, J. H. Ray, Clena Mitchell and E. B. Perry.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Midway—N. G. Sanderford, Sidney Johnson, J. Y. Chappell and J. S. Peebles.

New Hope—F. J. Holloway, Sherwood White, James Harp, B. B. Buffaloe and R. J. Buffaloe.

Wake Cross Roads—J. J. Ranes, T. H. Massey, J. D. Peebles, N. C. Ranes and H. V. Pace.

Raleigh, First Church—G. M. Allen, J. M. Heck, J. N. Holding, W. J. Peele and Harris Vaughan.

The election of officers being next in order, the Association enters into election by ballot, and the following are chosen:

Moderator, Prof. L. R. Mills; Clerk and Treasurer, J. N. Holding; Historian, Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

The Moderator elect accepts the position to which he is chosen with thanks to the Association for the honor conferred, and extends an invitation to all visiting brethren from other Associations to take seats with the delegates and participate in the proceedings of this Association.

The following brethren report themselves from their respective Associations:

Rev. J. F. Tuttle, from the South Yadkin Association; Rev. J. K. Howell, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and Rev. G. J. Dowell, from the Raleigh Association.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Association to report an Order of Business for the Association makes the following report, which is adopted:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Recess.
3d. Organization and the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order.
4th. Reception of new churches.
5th. Appointment of committees.
6th. Requests from churches.
7th. Report on Periodicals.
8th. Report on Sunday Schools.
9th. Report on State Missions.
10th. Report on Education.
11th. Report on Foreign Missions—Yates' Fund.
12th. Report on Home Missions.
13th. Report of Historian.
14th. Report on Finance.
15th. Report on Place and Preachers for next Association.

The Association may change this order by vote, and introduce other subjects.

J. S. PUREFOY,
W. B. ROYALL,
W. B. DUNN,
Committee.

The Constitution and Rules of Order are read by the Clerk.

The following request from the Woodland church is read: "Brethren, there are seven or eight members of our church from whom we never hear and whose places of residence we do not know. What must be done with their names? We do not wish to hold them as members with us."

On motion of Prof. W. B. Royall, and after remarks by brethren J. S. Purefoy, Wm. Royall, W. B. Royall, R. T. Vann, S. H. White and J. M. Heck, the following suggestion is made by the Association: That fellowship be withdrawn on account of unexplained absence.

The following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Forestville church.
Finance.—W. H. Mitchell, S. H. Cannady, W. B. Smith.
Periodicals.—R. T. Vann, N. Y. Gulley, E. S. Dunn.
Place and Preachers for next Meeting.—P. A. Dunn, A. L. Davis, W. R. Walters.
Sunday Schools.—T. H. Briggs, W. C. Powell, R. A. Freeman.
State Missions.—J. M. Heck, William Royall, H. V. Pace.
Education of Ministers.—C. E. Taylor, P. M. Harrison, M. R. Purnell.
Foreign Missions.—W. B. Royall, J. J. Barrow, D. D. Gill.
Home Missions.—C. T. Bailey, J. C. Hocutt, B. B. Buffaloe.

On motion of Prof. W. B. Royall, the hours of meeting are fixed as follows: Meet at 9:30 a. m., spend half an hour in religious exercises and adjourn at 12 m. Convene at 1.30 p. m., and adjourn at will.

On motion of Rev. R. T. Vann, Brother J. B. Brewer and others are invited to address the Association on female education for half an hour on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Association adjourns until 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, August 27th, 1884.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 27th, 1884.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, after which the Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The proceedings of the previous day are read and approved.

Elder Thomas Carrick, from the Tar River Association, accepts the invitation given by the Moderator to all visiting brethren to take seats with the delegates of this Association.

The time having arrived for the discussion on education of females, remarks are made by Bro. J. B. Brewer, of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and Rev. R. T. Vann.

The report on Periodicals is read, discussed by brethren C. T. Bailey, N. Y. Gulley and J. K. Howell, and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER accomplishes for the Baptists of North Carolina what no other paper could. It keeps up, and keeps its readers up with the general work in the State. It stimulates pastors and people by reporting the progress of their brethren. It maintains purity and unity of doctrine among the entire brotherhood. It detects and opposes all forms of incoming errors in faith and practice. It pushes the work of all our Boards and is their best agent. It is the efficient helper of all our educational enterprises. It is a weekly preacher among our churches that have only monthly appointments, and upon it depends in large measure the efficiency of those churches. We would, therefore, urge the brethren to secure for it a far larger circulation.

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond at fifty cents a year, ought to be taken and read in all our churches. It is of great interest and great profit.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. VANN,
N. Y. GULLEY,
E. S. DUNN,
Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools is read by Brother W. C. Powell, discussed by brethren N. Y. Gulley, J. E. Ray and J. M. Heck, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The word of God is the spiritual meat of His children. The importance of teaching it to the young in such a way as to make them interested in it is seen in the fact that youth is the period of memory. A knowledge of the letter of Scripture may not make one a Christian, yet we cannot too highly value that knowledge. Stored up in the mind even in an unregenerate state, what a treasure it becomes when by God's grace it passes from the mind into the heart!

The Sunday School has as its one great object the teaching of the Bible to the young, though its mission is not restricted, for in the great school of Christ all are learners, and every child of God may find profitable employment whenever God's word is taught and studied.

The Sunday School work of the Association presents some encouraging features. Almost all the churches report "evergreen" schools.

There have been some losses, but the aggregate shows gains. Last year 1659 were reported as engaged in the work, this year the letters show 1744.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Briggs, Jr.,
W. C. Powell,
R. A. Freeman,
Committee.

The report on State Missions is read by Brother J. M. Heck.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Whereas, God has more wonderfully blessed our State Mission work in the past year than ever before, in enabling us to build up some of the waste places of Zion in our State and in the conversion on our mission field of more than 900 souls, the organization of 15 churches, and in the completion or partial erection of 25 new meeting houses by our missionaries, and the establishment of 40 new Sunday Schools within the past year on mission fields; and whereas, there is much land yet to be possessed for the Master; and whereas, our brethren of sister Associations enconraged by the evidences of Divine favor, in this branch of Christian labor, are giving to it more of their prayers, labor and money; therefore—

Resolved 1st. That our hearts are greatly encouraged and strengthened by the outpourings of God's blessings on our State Mission work in the past, especially in the past year, and that we lift our hearts in gratitude to Him for His great goodness to us, in owning and blessing the labors of the missionaries of our State Mission Board.

Resolved 2d. That it is our pleasure, as well as our duty, to make greater efforts than ever before to forward this department of christian endeavor.

Resolved 3d. That we thank the brethren of sister Associations for the support they are giving to the State Mission Board and for their promptness in redeeming pledges made for this work at the last meeting of our State Convention, and we rejoice with them, and with the missionaries, and members of the Board, and with *all engaged* in the work, for the great things the Master has done for us.

Resolved 4th. That as the Master enabled us last year to more than meet our pledge of $800 for the work of the State Mission Board, in simple trust in Him, and believing it to be for His honor and glory, we will try to pay before the next meeting of our State Convention the larger pledge of one thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

William Royall,
H. V. Pace,
J. M. Heck,
Committee.

Pending the discussion of the report by Dr. Wm. Royall, the Association adjourns until 1: 30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion of the report on State Missions is resumed, and remarks are made by brethren R. T. Vann, John E. Ray and Thomas E. Skinner, and the following pledges are obtained:

CHURCHES—Wake Cross Roads and Flat Rock, $25 each; Wake Forest, $75; Rolesville, Brassfields and Mount Vernon, $20.00 each; Franklinton, New Bethel, Wake Union and Forestville, $15 each; Youngsville, Perry's Chapel, Olive Branch, Woodland and Hopkin's Chapel, $10 each; Midway, $5.

INDIVIDUALS—Brethren R. T. Vann, P. A. Dunn, Willis Holding, L. R. Mills, and L. C. Dunn, $5 each. Total amount of pledges, $325.

On motion, the report is adopted.

The committee appointed to select the Place and Preachers for the next meeting, report New Hope Church as the place; Rev. R. T. Vann to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. C. S. Farriss, as Alternate.

On motion of Rev. R. T. Vann, the regular order of business is suspended for the purpose of allowing Rev. J. F. Tuttle to present the claims of the church at Salisbury.

The following pledges are made to aid in paying the debt on the church building:

L. R. Mills, L. C. Dunn, W. C. Powell, R. T. Vann, S. H. Cannady, J. M. Heck, C. T. Bailey, Thos. E. Skinner and W. G. Simmons, $10 each; W. B. Royall, Dr. Wm. Royall, G. M. Allen, W. L. Poteat, N. Y. Gulley, J. B. Brewer, A. R. Vann, John E. Ray, J. E. Alford and R. E. Royall, $5 each; R. J. Buffaloe, $1; hat collection, $9.30. Total in pledges and collection, $150.30.

On motion, the report on Education is made special order of business for Thursday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Prof. W. B. Royall, and adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Jesus went round about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9: 35—38.

Is this command of our Lord out of date? If not, is there any obedience we can render to him more likely to prove acceptable than obedience to this injunction?

Are we praying that the Lord will send forth laborers into his harvest? Surely he will see to it that no prayer offered by his specific direction shall go unanswered.

If in answer to his people's prayers, the Lord of the harvest puts it into the hearts of some to go in response to cries like that one from Macedonia, shall we not help them to go? Do not our very prayers commit us to this? Suppose we had the means and he should in answer to our prayers call *us* to go; would we hesitate to obey because he did not in some miraculous way supply other means? If we have the means, and, in answer to our prayers, our brother is called, shall we any the less appropriate them? Whose glory are we seeking? What are the terms of discipleship?

The church letters show that there is a balance of $119.23 due to make out the full amount pledged for Bro. Yates' salary. God has been pleased to honor

us in sending forth into his harvest such a laborer from among us, and we cannot excuse ourselves from the obligation to hold up his hands by our prayers and contributions.

The following table will show what the churches have done towards raising the amounts apportioned them:

CHURCHES.	APPORTIONMENT.	PAID.	DUE.
Raleigh (First Baptist)	$250 00	$164 60	$ 85 40
Wake Forest	70 00	92 00	*22 00
Forestville	45 00	45 00	
Franklinton	25 00	25 00	
Mount Vernon	25 00	6 20	18 80
Brassfields	20 00	20 00	
Flat Rock	25 00	25 00	
Wake Union	20 00	20 00	
New Hope	20 00	25 48	*5 48
Wake Cross Roads	20 00	5 43	14 57
Hopkin's Chapel	20 00	7 46	12 54
Olive Branch	15 00	15 00	
New Bethel	15 00	------	15 00
Rolesville	20 00	20 00	
Woodland	5 00	5 60	*60
Midway	5 00	4 00	1 00
Perry's Chapel	10 00	10 00	
Bay Leaf	5 00	5 00	
Youngsville	15 00	15 00	
	$630 00	$510 77	$119 23

*Overpaid.

W. B. ROYALL,
J. J. BARROW,
D. D. GILL,
Committee.

On motion, the Association adjourns until Friday, the 28th, at 9: 30 a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 28th, 1884.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. J. K. Howell; after which the Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The proceedings of the previous day are read and approved, and the roll of delegates is called.

The report on Education is submitted by Prof. C. E. Taylor, and discussed by brethren C. E. Taylor, R. T. Vann, Wm. Royall and J. S. Purefoy.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is cause for gratitude to God in the fact that our College has, at last, what is for the present an adequate endowment. It now becomes the duty of our people, more than ever before, to avail themselves of the improved and enlarged facilities which their own College affords.

We also cordially commend to the patronage of our people, the academy of Mr. L. W. Bagley, a trained and successful teacher.

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention has given aid during the last session to thirty-six young ministers—more than ever before. To

the magnitude of last year's work and to the pressure of the Endowment last fall, is due the fact that the Board is nearly $1,000 in debt for last session's work.

The churches report in their letters less for this object than they have sent up for several years past. Eight churches report nothing. Leaving out the contributions of five churches, only $21.05 have been sent up during the past year.

We earnestly commend our young ministers to the sympathy and support of the churches, and urge that before the end of the year enlarged contributions be sent up by the churches for meeting the debt and current expenses of the next term.

CHARLES E. TAYLOR,
P. M. HARRISON,
M. R. PURNELL,
Committee.

The following pledges are obtained in aid of Ministerial Education:

CHURCHES—Brassfields, Youngsville, Franklinton, Olive Branch, Hopkin's Chapel and Wake Cross Roads, $10 each; Flat Rock, Wake Union and Rolesville, $15 each; Midway, Woodland and Perry's Chapel, $5 each; Mt. Vernon, $20; Forestville, $25; New Hope, $30; Wake Forest, $100.

The report is adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourns until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by Moderator. The report on Home Missions is read, and discussed by Rev. W. J. Fulford and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions belongs to the Southern Baptist Convention, and is managed by a Board located at Atlanta, Georgia; of which Rev. Dr. G. T. Tichenor is Corresponding Secretary. The objects of the Home Mission Board are, to build churches in destitute sections and send missionaries to preach the gospel in such sections as are beyond the limits of State Conventions and district Associations, and to send the gospel to the Indians on our borders. The work of the Home Mission Board differs from that known as State Missions, in that it is not confined to any particular State, but takes up the work among the destitute sections and towns outside of the boundaries of State Conventions, or such as is beyond the ability of the separate State Mission Boards to accomplish—such is its work in New Orleans—and such was its work when aiding the churches in the cities and towns in North Carolina.

For years the Home Mission Board sustained missionaries to the Chinese in California. This work has now been turned over to our Northern brethren. And the Home Board has devoted its best energies to the support of the missionaries in our new States and Territories. The change was a wise one and has met the hearty endorsement of the Baptists of the South.

The work of the Board has greatly prospered in each of its leading departments. The Church Building Department, under the energetic labors of Rev. Dr. S. A. Nunnally, is a success. The churches in New Orleans are fast becoming self sustaining. The work among the Indians, while seemingly quiet, is prosperous in a high degree, and Rev. W. P. Blake, our missionary is hopefully planning for greater success in establishing schools and churches in the Indian Territory.

During the year there have been in its employ for the whole or part of the time 144 Missionaries.

Of these there have labored in Alabama, 2; Missouri, 1; Florida, 28; Texas, 59; Louisiana, 8; California, 4; Tennessee, 1; Indian Territory, 19; Arkansas, 12; Mississippi, 1; Georgia, 6; Virginia, 3.

The work of this Board demands our warmest sympathy and should have our

most generous aid. While our State Mission Boards are sending the gospel to the destitute within our State borders, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is sending the gospel to the destitute in our weaker States and Territories and to the Indians on our borders.

C. T. BAILEY,
JNO. C. HOCUTT,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
Committee.

The report of the Historian is read by Rev. J. S. Purefoy, and after remarks by brethren J. S. Purefoy, N. Y. Gulley and W. J. Peele, the report is adopted.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

By God's providence and mercy, we are permitted to meet again as an Association, and by His kind favor and goodness your Historian is permitted to make this annual report.

Since the last meeting of this body we have been blessed with reasonable good health and many temporal blessings—all have plenty and abound. Our whole country is free from all distressing epidemics, and is at peace with all the world.

We chronicle the death of Rev. William Dent, who died March 29, 1884, aged about one hundred years. His membership was with Flat Rock church for many years. His education was very limited and his ministerial labors on that account were much abridged. He was pastor of some churches, and being a godly minister, he was esteemed by the brethren, and filled a sphere of usefulness.

Deacon James C. Leigh was born March 18, 1823, and died in the fellowship of Forestville church December 23, 1883, aged sixty years. He was a good citizen, a good church member and liberal in his views. With the hearty approval of his esteemed wife he gave one thousand dollars to the building of Wingate Memorial Hall at Wake Forest College, and afterwards five hundred dollars to the endowment fund. He was much esteemed and his death was a sad loss to the community and his church.

Deacon Peter F. Pescud, a worthy member of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, N. C., died on March 9, 1884, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. Bro. Pescud long stood as a pillar of the church, ever watchful of her interest; he labored to promote the welfare of the Christian Zion in which he lived. The Baptist cause in Raleigh is much indebted to Bro. Pescud for its present standing and success.

Deacon George B. Allen died May 2, 1884, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He was baptized into the fellowship of Wake Union Church in 1856. He was a worthy deacon and did his part in sustaining that church up to the time of his death. His counsels and presence are greatly missed by his family and the membership of the church. He was at one time Moderator of the Central Association.

The following brethren have been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry since the last Association:

At Wake Forest College, on November 15, 1883, W. S. Splawn and J. B. Harrell; Presbytery—Elders W. Royall, W. B. Royall, C. E. Taylor, R. T. Vann and James S. Purefoy. Sermon by R. T. Vann; prayer by W. B. Royall; charge by J. S. Purefoy.

On March 23, 1884, D. M. Austin. Sermon by J. S. Purefoy; prayer by J. B. Harrell; charge by W. B. Royall; welcome by R. T. Vann.

On June 8, 1884, D. W. Herring, J. H. Lambeth, E. M. Poteat, W. B. Morton and W. S. Ballard. Presbytery—W. Royall, W. B. Royall, R. T. Vann, J. S. Purefoy, C. E. Taylor, W. S. Splawn, D. M. Austin and J. B. Harrell. Sermon by Wm. Royall; prayer by W. B. Royall; charge and welcome by R. T. Vann.

The letters report this year—Baptisms 127, total members 2,862, Sabbath-school scholars 1,617, money for various objects $16,938.31. Every church reports a Sabbath school, except one, and some of the churches have two or more.

During the year 1883, Prof. C. E. Taylor spent the most of his time canvassing the State and some in the North, endeavoring to raise the endowment of Wake Forest College up to one hundred thousand dollars. He secured ten thousand dollars of Jabez A. Bostwick in New York and five thousand dollars of Sidney Lea, of North Carolina. James S. Purefoy spent the month of December in the North and secured thirteen hundred dollars. Putting all together with other generous donations on the 31st of December, at 10 o'clock p. m., the one hundred thousand dollars was declared secured and paid into the hands of the treasurer.

This was a matter of great interest to the Central Association and to the denomination at large.

We propose this year to give a sketch of Flat Rock Church.

Flat Rock Church was at first organized as an arm of Cross Roads Church, date not known.

On July 10, 1824, the church was fully organized by Elders Zachariah Allen, John Purefoy and Josiah Crudup. Z. Allen preached the sermon, J. Purefoy acted as Moderator, and J. Crudup delivered the charge to the church. A church covenant and articles of faith were drawn up and presented by J. Purefoy and subscribed to by twenty-one members, dismissed from Cross Roads, Cedar Creek and Poplar Spring churches. Moses Neal was chosen deacon, Jones Cooke, clerk, and Elder John Purefoy, pastor. This church joined the Raleigh Association in 1824. Jones Cooke and Moses Neal were the delegates.

Elder Bartholomew Fuller preached October 9, 1824.

January, 1825, the church paid Elder J. Purefoy for his pastoral services twenty-seven dollars and sixty cents for the year 1824. In 1827 Ephraim Conyers and Jones Cooke were ordained deacons by Elders J. Purefoy and Thos. Crocker.

Elder John Purefoy served the church as pastor six years and resigned in 1830. Elder Wm. B. Worrell supplied the church on Friday before the third Sunday in each month for a while.

In 1831 Elder Thos. Crocker became pastor and in that year baptized forty-four persons.

In 1831 this church took a letter from the Raleigh Association and joined the Tar River Association.

The records of this church from 1831 to 1859—twenty-eight years—I have not been able to procure, and can only for these years give a few items from slips of paper or memorandums of church meetings, which I found loose in one of the old books.

Elder H. S. Spivey was pastor three years—1836, 1837 and 1838.

Elder M. D. Freeman was pastor in 1839 and 1840.

Elder W. A. Atkinson was pastor in 1843.

Elder M. D. Freeman was pastor in 1850.

Isaac Winston was a delegate to the Baptist State Convention in 1840, bearing ten dollars for the objects of the Convention.

In 1840 Jones Cooke and Gideon Wiggins represented it in the Association.

In 1852 Jones Cooke was clerk of the church, having served in that capacity up to that time twenty-seven years.

September 10, 1859, Eld. R. B. Jones was pastor and J. W. Freeman, clerk. Elder Jones was pastor up to January, 1861.

November, 1860, Eld. Wm. Royall was elected pastor, and served the church with much acceptance and success for nine years, during which time many were added to the church.

In 1863 A. S. Gill was elected clerk and served three years.

In 1863 on account of the great depreciation of Confederate money (war currency), the church appointed J. P. Timberlake, A. S. Gill and John K. Purefoy to ascertain how much grain could be secured for the pastor's salary for 1864: the amount secured was fifteen bushels of corn and fifteen bushels of wheat. The civil war between the Northern and Southern States had so destroyed the value of all currency that this measure was a necessity.

July, 1864, Eld. F. H. Ivey preached, and was moderator of the Conference. July 8, 1865, Bro. C. M. Cooke was received by letter from Wake Forest Church. On the same day R. H. Timberlake and Lee Perry were ordained deacons by Elders J. B. Solomon, W. Dent and W. Royall, the pastor.

November, 1865, brethren J. P. Timberlake, Perry Wiggins and W. J. Freeman were appointed to suggest to each member of the church the amount they should be willing to pay the pastor for his services for the year 1865, proportioning that amount to the best of their judgment according to their several ability to pay. In 1866 C. M. Cooke was appointed clerk and held the position two years. In 1867 Bro. C. H. Clifton, becoming convinced that he was not converted when baptized, but believing that he had been converted since, was re-baptized upon his profession of faith. November 8, 1867, money was raised to pay the board of C. Durham at Wake Forest College. March, 1868, J. K. Purefoy was elected clerk and held the position four years. April, 1868, R. D. Harper and J. P. Timberlake were elected deacons. July, 1868, the church voted that collections be made in May for Foreign Missions, in August for Sunday schools, in November for State Missions, and in February for Education.

During the year 1868 forty-two persons were baptized. November 7, 1868, Elder W. Royall was elected pastor for 1869. W. B. Royall to preach on the fourth Sunday, and C. Durham on the first Sunday in each month. In 1871 Elder W. A. Barrett was pastor and baptized fifty-five persons—twenty-seven white and twenty-eight colored. Elder W. B. Royall was pastor in 1872 and W. A. Barrett in 1873 and 1874. Bro. James R. Jones was licensed by the church February 8, 1873. October, 1873, P. M. Harrison and Perry Wiggins were elected deacons. In 1873 the church paid over to the colored members fifty dollars for their interest in the church-house.

December, 1873, R. J. Conyers was elected clerk and served three years. In 1874 J. E. Alford and —— Hight were excluded for selling spirituous liquors. In October, 1874, Elder A. F. Purefoy was elected pastor and served nearly seven years. On June 12, 1875, the subject of feet washing was thoroughly discussed by the church: it was agreed by all present that it is not a church ordinance. May, 1876, T. J. Crocker was elected clerk and served three years. January, 1877, W. T. Strickland asked if he might sell brandy of his own make. Answered: "That no member be allowed to make, buy or sell ardent spirits only as a medicine." March 11, 1877, J. R. Jones was ordained to the gospel ministry by Elders A. F. Purefoy, C. W. Scarborough and D. A. Glenn. October 14, 1877, voted to assess the members to the total amount of two hundred and fifty dollars for the pastor's salary and other expenses. March, 1878, W. C. Hart was ordained deacon. May 11, 1879, the new church-house was dedicated. Elders C. E. Taylor and D. A. Glenn officiating. The house cost one thousand dollars, exclusive of painting. 1879, A. M. Harris was elected clerk and served one year. 1881, T. J. Crocker was elected clerk. April, 1881, Elder A. F. Purefoy resigned, and A. R. Pitman was elected to serve the church the balance of the year. On October 8, 1881, Elder W. C. Scarborough was elected pastor to preach two Sabbaths in each month at a salary of four hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly. He served nearly two years and resigned to go to teach in the Chowan Baptist Female Seminary and preach for some churches. January 14, 1882, R. J. Conyers was elected clerk, and is clerk at the present time. February, 1882, moved by deacon Perry Wiggins that the church take up monthly collections. The motion adopted. October 20, 1883, Eld. W. J. Fulford was elected pastor and now serves the church two Sabbaths in the month at a salary of three hundred and fifty dollars per annum. May 12, 1884, W. H. Bedingfield was licensed to preach. On Saturday, August 9th, brethren W. P. Morris, W. J. Alford and R. J. Conyers were ordained deacons of the church by Elders W. J. Fulford and James S. Purefoy.

While this church was an arm of Cross Roads Church, and after its full organization, there was connected with it a female missionary society, called the "Flat Rock Female Missionary Society."

It was formed June 6, 1823. Elder Thomas D. Mason preached the first mis-

sionary sermon for the society, from Isaiah 42: 3. The officers were Mrs. Ann Harvey, President; Mrs. Mary Perry, Cor. Secretary; Miss Ann D. Jeffreys, Rec. Secretary, and Mrs. Lucy B. Terrell, Treasurer. Managers—Miss Narcissa G. Jeffreys, Miss Martha Perry, Miss Alice Conyers, Mrs. Mary B. Timberlake, Mrs. Sarah Jeffreys, Elizabeth Neal and Wiley Perry. Their first collection was sixteen dollars and fifty cents, which was sent by the hands of Moses Neal to the "State Missionary Society." In 1824 Armistead Lilley delivered the sermon. Collection, ten dollars. Jones Cooke was appointed a delegate to bear the funds to the "State Missionary Society." In 1825 Elder Thomas Crocker preached the missionary sermon, and was paid two dollars for his services. Collection, seven dollars and fifty cents, paid over to Elder John Purefoy to be applied to Domestic Missions. Elder W. B. Worrell was requested to preach the sermon in 1826. This is all the records we can find. Women were thought worthy of performing Christian work in those days.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, Historian.

The report of the Finance Committee is read by W. H. Mitchell and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee report having received and paid over to the Treasurer from the churches the following amounts for the

Minute Fund:

Youngsville	$2 00	
Brassfields	3 00	
Flat Rock	3 00	
Franklinton	3 00	
Perry's Chapel	2 75	
Mt. Vernon	4 07	
New Bethel	3 00	
Olive Branch	2 10	
Bay Leaf	50	
Woodland	2 00	
Wake Union	2 00	
Forestville	2 50	
Rolesville	2 00	
Wake Forest	5 00	
Hopkins' Chapel	1 00	
Midway	1 50	
New Hope	3 00	
Raleigh (1st Church)	5 00	
Wake X Roads	2 75	
Total		$50 17

The following amounts for Foreign Missions:

Woodland	5 00	
Bay Leaf	5 00	
Brassfields	10 00	
Rolesville	20 00	
Wake Union	20 00	
Youngsville	15 00	
Olive Branch	15 00	
		$90 00

The following amount for State Missions:

Youngsville	3 05

And the following amount for Indian Missions:

Olive Branch	1 50
	$144 72

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MITCHELL,
S. H. CANNADY,
W. B. SMITH,
} Committee.

Prof. C. E. Taylor offer the following resolution, which is adopted:

Resolved, That the State Missionary Board be requested to make an appropriation of at least $50 each to secure regular preaching of the gospel at Milburnie and Bay Leaf, if in their judgment it be wise to do so.

On motion of Rev. R. T. Vann, the thanks of the Association are tendered the Church at Forestville, and the community at large, for their hospitality during the session of the Association.

On motion of Bro. W. C. Powell, the Clerk is allowed $15 for his services, and 700 copies of the Minutes of the Association are ordered to be printed and distributed among the churches.

The hymn "Precious Name," is sung. Prayer is offered by Dr. Wm. Royall, and the Association adjourns to meet at New Hope Church, in the county of Wake, on the 4th Tuesday in August, 1885.

L. R. MILLS, Moderator. J. N. HOLDING, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committe for the Minute Fund	$50 17
" " " " Foreign Missions	90 00
" " " " State "	3 05
" " " " Indian "	1 50
Total amount received	$144 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Missions	$90 00
Paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer, &c., for State Missions	3 05
" " " " " Indian "	1 50
" Clerk for services	15 00
" Edwards, Broughton & Co., for printing, binding and mailing 700 copies of the Minutes	35 17
Total disbursements	$144 72

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion, without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Youngsville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	E. G. Conyers,	Youngsville,	13	12	--	--	1	--	43	43	86	--
Brassfields,	W. J. Fulford,	Franklinton,	N. E. Cannady,	Mt. Energy,	16	--	--	2	--	--	57	78	135	--
Flat Rock,	W. J. Fulford,	Franklinton,	R. J. Conyers,	Youngsville,	19	5	1	8	9	4	96	197	293	5
Franklinton,	A.G. McManaway	Louisburg,	C. Pritchard,	Franklinton,	1	5	--	3	4	1	39	52	91	--
Perry's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell,	Wake Forest,	R. O. Pernell,	Franklinton,	10	9	1	1	--	--	34	40	74	4
Mt. Vernon,	O. L. Stringfield,	Wakefield,	John D. Allen,	Neuse,	13	11	2	4	5	2	56	92	148	--
New Bethel,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store,	L. T. Buchanan	Rogers' Store,	9	9	2	10	3	1	84	101	185	--
Olive Branch,	John C. Hocutt,	Dayton,	J. E. Suitt,	Dayton,	--	11	--	5	1	2	52	71	123	--
Bay Leaf,	John C. Hocutt,	Dayton,	S. F. Bailey,	Hutchinson's Store,	4	--	--	1	--	1	4	15	19	--
Woodland,	J. R. Maynard,	Morrisville,	Geo. W. Smith,	Wake Forest,	14	--	--	1	6	3	46	71	117	--
Wake Union,	C. E. Taylor,	Wake Forest	W. O. Allen,	Falls of Neuse,	--	--	1	4	3	2	16	34	50	--
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	--	--	1	--	5	3	32	41	73	--
Rolesville,	Wm. Royall,	Wake Forest,	J. B. Broughton,	Rolesville,	--	--	1	1	16	3	78	149	227	--
Wake Forest,	R. T. Vann,	Wake Forest,	W. L. Poteat,	Wake Forest,	7	20	--	24	6	--	108	68	176	--
Hopkins' Chapel,	J. H. Booth,	Moore's Mills,	Riley Privett,	Moore's Mill,	--	9	1	9	18	5	53	140	193	--
Midway,	----	----	J. R. Harp,	Raleigh,	--	4	--	--	1	2	17	30	47	--
New Hope,	J. H. Booth,	Moore's Mills,	F J. Holloway,	Raleigh,	--	1	--	5	4	3	36	90	126	13
Raleigh (1st Ch.),	T. E. Skinner,	Raleigh,	J. T. Pullen,	Raleigh,	4	4	1	19	3	7	190	346	536	
Wake Cross R'ds,	O. L. Stringfield,	Wakefield,	H. V. Pace,	Neuse,	17	1	1	2	4	2	66	97	163	--
					127	91	12	99	89	41	1107	1755	2862	22

Statement of Funds Reported in Church Letters.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Other objects.	Minute Fund.	Total amount.
Youngsville	$100 00	$ 6 00	$ 5 00	$ 8 05	$15 00	.....	$3 37	$.....	$20 45	$2 00	$159 87
Brassfields	225 00	33 90	2 55	17 85	20 00	4 00	4 40	.....	17 28	3 00	327 98
Flat Rock	325 00	2 02	1 95	20 00	25 00	3 00	.....	.....	45 09	3 00	425 06
Franklinton	350 00	25 00	10 00	15 00	25 00	2 00	5 00	.....	125 00	3 00	560 00
Perry's Chapel	125 00	800 00	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	23 50	2 75	971 25
Mt. Vernon	150 00	5 00	.....	108 80	6 20	8 40	10 00	.....	18 01	4 07	310 48
New Bethel	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	103 00
Olive Branch	100 00	.....	.....	7 00	15 00	4 04	1 50	.....	38 60	2 10	168 24
Bay Leaf	38 75	4 00	.....	6 20	5 00	2 20	4 40	.....	3 48	50	64 53
Woodland	60 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	84 60
Wake Union	100 00	.....	13 62	2 00	20 00	.....	.....	15 00	406 00	2 00	558 62
Forestville	200 00	16 60	25 00	10 00	45 00	.....	18 31	.....	42 51	2 50	359 92
Rolesville	150 00	168 15	2 65	3 71	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	346 51
Wake Forest	600 00	43 60	85 15	70 37	92 00	.....	36 93	.....	1,741 51	5 00	2,674 56
Hopkins' Chapel	100 00	130 00	.....	.....	7 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	238 46
Midway	75 00	75 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	155 50
New Hope	125 00	6 65	24 28	26 49	25 48	.....	4 57	.....	14 60	3 00	230 07
Raleigh (1st Church)	2000 00	3156 25	78 00	378 75	164 60	200 00	.....	.....	3,000 00	5 00	8,982 60
Wake Cross Roads	150 00	.....	5 00	5 70	5 43	.....	.....	.....	41 25	2 75	210 13
	$5073 75	$4479 17	$258 20	$689 92	$510 77	$223 64	$93 48	$15 00	$5,537 28	$50 17	$16,931 38

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST-OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. Sunday School Papers taken.	No. of months kept open.
Youngsville	J. J. Barrow	Youngsville	8	60	40	70	60	12
Brassfields	T. L. Cannady.	Wilton	6	25	20	100	1	6
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	5	54	45	150	25	12
Franklinton	C. Winston	Franklinton	9	67	35	100	62	12
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	11	69	50	50	75	12
Mt. Vernon	E. S. Dunn	Neuse	13	138	90	300	40	12
New Bethel	L. T. Buchanan	Roger's Store	5	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	W. J. Suit	Fish Dam	9	65	30	40	40	12
Bay Leaf	A. Y. Bailey	Hutchinson's Store	4	24	15	36	.....	4
Woodland	Mac. Scarborough	Wake Forest	5	60	30	12	12	6
Wake Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forestville	W. J. Wingate	Wake Forest	12	57	30	400	70	12
Rolesville	S. T. Arnold	Rolesville	10	65	46	100	.....	12
Wake Forest.	J. C. C. Dunford	Wake Forest	13	160	115	.....	125	12
Hopkin's Chapel	W. K. Phillips	Riley's X Roads	7	41	20	.....	3	6
Midway	J. R. Harp	Raleigh	9	60	30	175	30	12
New Hope	R. J. Buffaloe	Raleigh	6	60	40	200	34	12
Raleigh, (First Church).	E. G. Harrell	Raleigh	44	447	300	1,200	665	12
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PROCEEDINGS.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Tuesday, August 25th, 1885.

The Central Association meets in its twenty-sixth annual session with New Hope church, Wake county, N. C.

Rev. R. T. Vann preaches the introductory sermon from Mark 13: 34, after which the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After religious exercises, conducted by Rev. James S. Purefoy, the Association is called to order by the Moderator, L. R. Mills.

In the absence of the Clerk, W. O. Allen is appointed Clerk, *pro. tem.*, and J. C. Hocutt is requested to assist him.

The roll of churches is called, and the following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

**Youngsville*—T. J. Crocker, John Knight, Isham Mitchell, Nerious Timberlake and Corydon Spruill.

Brassfields—N. E. Cannady, W. R. Walters, Wm. Hockaday, T. L. Cannady and P. P. Cannady.

Flat Rock—Perry Wiggins, P. M. Harrison, W. H. Beddingfield, W. J. Alford and W. P. Morris.

**Franklinton*—W. H. Mitchell, J. S. Joyner, N. Y. Gulley, N. M. Barrow and E. W. Morris.

Perry's Chapel—J. E. Alford, T. H. Griffin, A. D. Mitchener, J. R. Mitchener and E. C. Bobbitt.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mount Vernon—W. G. Allen, E. S. Dunn, J. H. Honeycutt, J. J. Dunn and Robert Kimball.

New Bethel—W. A. Jones, J. C. Moore, Joseph Carpenter, D. C. Beck and J. M. Adams.

Olive Branch—R. H. D. Gooch, W. J. Suitt and J. C. Hocutt.

Bay Leaf—W. L. Nipper, A. T. Bailey and J. B. Beddingfield.

Woodland—G. W. Kelly, B. H. Davis, Hinton O'Neal and W. S. Smith.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Wake Union—W. O. Allen, R. N. Griffin, J. H. Matthews, J. R. Holland and G. W. Davis.

Wake Forest—P. A. Dunn, L. R. Mills, W. C. Powell, J. J. Ranes and W. D. Watson. *Alternates*—F. M. Purefoy, W. L. Poteat, W. B. Dunn, R. L. Brewer and J. T. Gattis.

Forestville—D. W. Allen, W. B. Smith, D. D. Gill, L. C. Dunn and L. N. Chappell.

**Rolesville*—M. L. Fowler, David Dizer, W. S. Broughton, T. L. Honeycutt and George Wiggins.

Hopkins' Chapel—J. H. Ray, W. B. Ferrell, Clem. Mitchell, E. B. Perry and W. R. Pruett.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Midway—N. G. Sanderford, J. Y. Chappell, John McDade, J. R. Harp and W. H. Peebles.

New Hope—F. J. Holloway, R. J. Buffaloe, N. H. Hunt, M. W. Buffaloe and B. B. Buffaloe.

Wake Cross Roads—C. G. O'Neal, Geo. White, J. L. Markham, W. W. Weathers and J. D. Peebles.

Raleigh First Church—E. G. Harrell, J. M. Heck, T. H. Briggs, Sr., L. R. Wyatt and W. N. Jones. *Alternates*—J. D. Joyner, J. H. Alford, T. H. Briggs, Jr., Gill Allen, W. J. Peel and Jesse Taylor.

*Not represented by letter at the first sitting of the Association.

The election of officers being next in order the Association elect by ballot: Moderator, Prof. L. R. Mills; Clerk and Treasurer, L. N. Chappell; Historian, Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

Constitution and Rules of Order are read.

The invitation given by the Moderator to visiting brethren from other Associations to a seat among us, is responded to by Brethren M. M. Hargrove of Flat River Association, and representative of Oxford Female Seminary, and G. W. Coppedge of Tar River Association.

On motion of Rev. C. T. Bailey, the Baptist Orphanage is made the subject for discussion at 10 o'clock the following morning.

It is voted that the Association adopt the following hours: Meet at 9: 30 a. m., with religious services, and adjourn at 12 m.; convene at 1: 30 p. m., and adjourn at will.

Following committees are appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of New Hope Church.

Finance—W. H. Mitchell, W. C. Powell, W. R. Walters.

Periodicals—Rev. J. S. Purefoy, P. M. Harrison, J. B. Harrell.

Place and Preachers for next Association—P. A. Dunn, B. B. Buffaloe, D. W. Allen.

State Missions—J. E. Ray, J. L. White, J. H. Watkins.

Education of Ministers—R. T. Vann, W. L. Poteat, Sherwood White.

Foreign Missions—W. B. Royall, W. J. Fulford, T. H. Griffin.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Heck, Eugene Harrell J. C. Hocutt.

Home Missions—C. T. Bailey, W. O. Allen, W. D. Watson.

The request of Olive Branch Church that she be allowed to join Mt. Zion Association is granted.

The request of Hopkins' Chapel that her apportionment for Foreign Missions (Yates Fund) be reduced, is referred to the following committee to fix on the amounts to be raised by the several churches of the Association :

Committee : W. H. Mitchell, W. C. Powell, W. G. Riddick.

The Historian reported as follows :

REPORT OF HISTORIAN—1885.

Another Associational gathering has come with its thousands of Our Heavenly Father's temporal and spiritual blessings upon us. Crop prospects are reasonably fair, though now suffering with some drouth.

During winter and spring measles, with pneumonia, prevailed in the neighborhood of Rolesville and Cross Roads Churches in a malignant form, causing many deaths. Some of our most active members died, among them Deacon Wesley Stell and Clerk H. Watkins, worthy and useful members of Cross Roads Church.

Rev. A. G. McManaway, the much esteemed pastor of Franklinton church, has resigned the charge thereof, and accepted a call to the pastorate of Charlotte Church. We sincerely regret our loss but most heartily commend him to the brethren of his new charge.

God has mercifully spared the lives of our ministers, and they are usefully employed in the Master's work.

Wake Forest College, with President C. E. Taylor at its head, is doing well. It turned out fourteen graduates this year.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, in June, a resolution was passed granting free tuition to the sons of ministers of the gospel.

April 1st, 1885, at Wake Forest, Brethren Albert T. Hord and W. F. Watson were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Sermon by President C. E. Taylor, prayer by Prof. W. B. Royall, charge by Rev. R. T. Vann, welcome by Rev. James S. Purefoy.

A new church, called Stoney Hill, was organized in March, 1885, by Rev. J. S. Purefoy and Rev. M. R. Pernell with ____ members. Rev. M. R. Pernell was chosen pastor.

Several of our churches have been blessed with revivals, and 123 members have been added this year.

All matters for or against the interest of the Baptist denomination or affecting their history are directly of importance in the history of this Association as a part of the great Baptist family, and should not be ignored by us in our historical report. We therefore chronicle as a remarkable fact of history, of which this Association should not be kept in ignorance, that of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Adjutant General, State Librarian and Keeper of the Capitol, not one is a Baptist. Of the *four* members of Public Works and Institutions not one is a Baptist. Of the *three* Judges of the Supreme Court, and *twelve* Judges of the Superier Courts, not one is a Baptist. Of the *two* U. S. Senators, and *nine* Congressmen not one is a Baptist.

History of Mount Vernon Church, formerly called Wake Liberty :

Wake Liberty Church was constituted August the 18th, 1810, by Elders John Purefoy and Bartholomew Fuller. Deacon James Fort gave the church the lot of land on which the meeting house now stands. In 1847, the house was finished, and in July, 1847, Drs. Wm. Hooper and Wm. T. Brooks were invited to dedicate the building to the worship of God, in the present name of "Mount

Vernon." A building committee was appointed July 19, 1844, viz: David Justice, Moses H. Allen, Edward Chappell, Peterson Dunn, and James B. Dunn, to this committee, in April, 1846, John P. Cook and Jerry Lassiter were added; this committee superintended the erection of the present house. We regret to state that the records from 1810 to 1840 are lost, consequently only a partial report can be given.

Rev. John Purefoy was the first pastor, and served the church about 24 years, up to 1834, when he moved from Wake to Cumberland county, and resigned the charge of the church. During the time of his ministry this church enjoyed several precious revivals, with large ingathering. One of these revivals, about 1830. lasted three years. Rev. Geo. W. Purefoy and Rev. James S. Purefoy, sons of Rev. John Purefoy, professed conversion at this church at that time, and joined Wake Cross Roads Church. Peterson Dunn and David Justice, who were afterwards deacons, joined the church at that time.

Rev. Wm. E. Oakley succeeded Elder Purefoy. We cannot learn definitely how long he served. Thomas D. Armstrong, Ezekial Trice, Stephen Centre and James Dennis frequently labored with Elder Purefoy and assisted him in his meetings.

The pastors from 1840, were P. W. Dowd to 1846; Patrick Smith during 1847; W. T. Brooks trom 1848 to 1876; Chas. W. Scarborough, 1877 to 1880; Wm. Royall during 1881; O. L. Stringfield from 1882 to the present time (1885).

In April, 1840, Peterson Dunn was made Treasurer, which office he held for many years.

In 1840 we find that it was their custom to call the list of male members and note the absentees, which custom is still adhered too. It appears from the records that the greatest trouble of the church was to look after absentees and keep the membership punctually together. Our impression is that this church held three camp-meetings, the last in 1840. The church in conference expressed themselves favorable to raising a fund for the support of superannuated ministers. In 1841 John W. Miller was excluded for defrauding his just creditors. In 1843 Edward Chappell was appointed deacon, lived to a good old age, adorned his christian profession and office of deacon well. It was the custom of this church to have a vigilant committee to look after the business and fellowship of the church, consisting of five members.

In 1846 the following query was sent to the Association: "Is it consistent with the policy of the Baptists for a church to require a member to acknowledge him or herself in full fellowship with the church before granting a letter of dismission?"

April, 1850, Peterson Dunn resigned as clerk and John Harp was appointed in his place. October, 1854, S. J. Allen was appointed clerk.

This church showed by their practice that women were worthy to act with men in church work, and the following committee was appointed in August, 1856, to solicit funds for Foreign Missions: "Sisters Bettie Bell, Sarah Laws, E. Dunn, and Brethren D. Justice, S. J. Allen and R. L. Allen." This association of women with men on committees was oft repeated. In April, 1859, Brethren Peterson Dunn and J. S. Ray were elected deacons. This church has been accustomed to keep up a good Sabbath School. In 1859 the following were appointed officers and teachers: "D. Justice, Superintendent; J. S. Ray, Assistant Superintendent; D. S. A. Ray, S. A. E. Bell, M. A. Justice, M. Ligon, A. A. Gill and A. E. Wynne, Female Teachers; and A. Y. Bailey, S. J. Allen, W. L. Terrell and S. Gill, Male Teachers." This year the church enjoyed a revival and 27 whites and 15 colored persons were baptized by Dr. W. T. Brooks. In 1859 $45.30 were collected for the support of M. T. Yates, missionary from the Raleigh Association in China. November, 1859, J. H. Bell was appointed clerk. September, 1862, Brethren J. B. Lassiter, J. B. Dunn, J. H. Bell, L. C. Dunn and J. S. Ray, were appointed life members of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

In 1863 there were 30 baptized by Dr. Brooks. In 1864 the pastor's salary

was $1,000.00 in Confederate money, (war currency). In December, 1865, Brethren B. W. Justice, Jas. S. Ray, P. Dunn, J. H. Bell and J. B. Lasstter were a committee to assess what each member should pay for the pastor's salary. The church had a separate Sunday School for the colored people. J. S. Ray was appointed Superintendent, R. D. Honeycutt, J. D. Allen and J. B. Lassiter Teachers. June, 1867, Rev. R. B. Jones, Agent for the endowment of Wake Forest College, made an earnest, solemn and impressive address on the subject of education and received a number of subscriptions. At the same time B. W. Justice was appointed clerk, and Wm. Allen and B. W. Justice ordained deacons by Elders W. T. Brooks and R. B. Jones.

In August, 1867, the church with the pastor, Dr. Brooks, assisted by Elders W. M. Wingate, G. W. Sanderlin and A. F. Purefoy, held a meeting of days which resulted in the hopeful conversion of 28 white persons. At the same time separate services were held for the colored people and 40 professed conversion.

June, 1868, Dr. W. T. Walters, Agent for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, presented the claims of State Missions and $60.00 were collected for that object. A resolution was adopted to take up quarterly collections for the objects of the Convention; also that the pastor's salary should be paid quarterly.

May, 1869, some of the church members were reported for dancing, and the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved therefore*, That, from and after the passage of this resolution, if any member or members be guilty of dancing, for the first offence they shall be admonished by the pastor. and for the second they shall be expelled from the church."

August, 1869, J. D. Allen was appointed clerk in the place of B. W. Justice resigned. April, 1870, J. D. Allen was appointed deacon. This church for some years had kept the records and superintended a Sabbath School for the colored part of the church; at this time J. S. Ray, their clerk and superintendent, resigned.

October, 1870, the colored members asked for letters to form a separate church which were granted, and a colored church was formed, which is now (1885) in a flourishing condition.

November, 1871, D. Justice offered the following resoluions:

"*Resolved*, That we make the buying and selling of spirituous liquors a test of church membership.

"*Resolved*, That those of our members now engaged in buying and selling this poison for the sake of gain be admonished by the pastor to give up that unholy calling and if they still persist in that soul destroying business, that they be no longer members of this church, that they stand excommunicated by virtue of this resolution.

"*Resolved*, That this church wage a war of extermination against King Alcohol and especially against buying and selling it for the sake of gain."

Which was adopted.

October, 1871, a sister was excluded from this church for dancing. Sept., 1872, Peterson Dunn and John D. Allen were appointed trustees for the church. September, 1874, 14 persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church. October, 1876, J. S. Glenn was excluded from the church for retailing liquor.

October 21, 1876, Dr. W. T. Brooks, on account of old age and declining health, after a useful and prosperous pastorate of twenty-eight years, tendered his resignation which was reluctantly accepted, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, God in His all-wise providence has seen fit to afflict our beloved pastor, Rev. W. T. Brooks, D. D., so that he is no longer able to continue his labors among us, and is compelled to resign the pastoral charge of our church to which he has broken the bread of life without intermission for more than a quarter of a century, with so much acceptability; AND WHEREAS, his labors for Jesus have been so signally, so wonderfully blessed: therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of Mt. Vernon church, do heartily sympathize with our dear and much revered undershepherd in his affliction. 'sorrowing most of all' because we are deprived of the privilege of hearing the glad sounds of salvation which so earnestly flow from his lips.

"*Resolved*, That we adopt this feeble way of giving expression of our heartfelt thanks for his untiring efforts for our good and the promotion of the Master's kingdom among us; praying that he may soon be restored to health.

"*Resolved*, That we deeply deplore the loss from among us of him who has buried most of us beneath the liquid wave."

Rev. C. W. Scarboro succeeded Dr. Broooks, and in September, 1877, he baptized 45 persons. At November meeting the church agreed to have him preach two Sabbaths in each month and to pay him $225 salary.

The following resolution was offered at May meeting, 1880:

"*Resolved*, That any member of Mt. Vernon church who is able and who, after having been notified of his or her dues, shall wilfully fail to pay something toward the support of our pastor and the spread of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same shall be and is hereby excluded from the fellowship of this church."

Passed its first reading. In June and July this resolution passed its second and third readings unanimously and became a law.

May, 1884, Brethren W. G. L. Allen and A. Carter were nominated to serve as deacons. John D. Allen is the present clerk, post office, Falls, Wake county, N. C.

This church has been from the beginning one of the most active and zealous in its work for Christ, having readily contributed to all the benevolent objects in which our denomination is or has been engaged.

JAS. S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

It is moved by brother E. G. Harrell that such part of the report as refers to State and Church be stricken out.

The motion is lost.

The report is then adopted.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY, August 26th, 1885.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. W. J. Fulford, after which the Association is called to order by the Moderator.

Proceedings of the previous day are read and approved, and the roll of delegates called.

Letter from Youngsville church read.

It is voted that the Moderator appoint three delegates to represent the Association in the Baptist State Convention to be held in Reidsville. Delegates: W. J. Fulford, B. B. Buffaloe, W. R. Walters.

Report of the Committee on Place and Preachers for next Associational Convention, recommending Perry's Chapel as the place, and Rev. C. S. Farriss to preach the

Introductory Sermon, and Rev. W. J. Fulford as his alternate, is adopted.

Invitation given by the Moderator to visiting brethren from other Associations to seats among us, is responded to by brethren Theo. Whitfield, representing the Foreign Mission Board, C. W. Scarborough, of Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and C. Durham, of Mt. Zion Association.

Bro. Durham addresses the Association on the Baptist Orphanage.

It is moved by Bro. R. T. Vann that the Association now provide and raise means for building one house in the Baptist Orphanage.

It is discussed by brethren C. W. Scarborough, R. T. Vann and C. E. Taylor.

The motion is carried and the following amounts promised by the several churches, payable the 1st of May, 1886:

Youngsville,	$ 25 00	Wake Forest,	$150 00
Brassfields,	50 00	Forestville,	50 00
Flat Rock,	50 00	Rolesville,	25 00
Perry's Chapel,	25 00	Midway,	5 00
Mt. Vernon,	50 00	New Hope,	60 00
Bay Leaf,	5 00		
Woodland,	10 00		$555 00
Wake Union,	50 00		

The hour having arrived the Association adjourns.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convening, Bro. R. T. Vann moves that the report on Education be the business of the hour.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Interest in general education has grown rapidly in the last few years. The revelation made by the census of 1880 of illiteracy in North Carolina was shocking, but served to arrest attention and give impetus to a much needed reform. While we rejoice in this wide spread awakening, we cannot lose sight of the fact that it is for the most part confined to primary education. Our people need to put a juster estimation upon the mental training to be obtained in a course of collegiate study. A far larger number of our Baptist boys and girls ought to be in our Baptist colleges.

We submit that at the present juncture of affairs in North Carolina we cannot, as a denomination, emphasize too strongly the importance of having our Baptist youth educated in institutions under Baptist influence and Baptist control.

We commend to the consideration of the body the work of the N. C. Baptist Students' Aid Association. The object of that Association is to collect

money which shall be loaned to worthy young men, not ministers, who are unable to obtain the means of securing education in Wake Forest College.

More than fifty years ago Wake Forest College was founded by brethren who but a short while before had organized the Baptist State Convention.

From the beginning education has been one of the prime objects of that organization. The college has passed through many vicissitudes since its founding, but the blessing of the Lord has attended the work and prayers of his servants, and to-day the college is in better condition than ever before in its history. Its invested endowment amounts now to about $103,000; its courses of study have been enlarged to meet the wants of the people; its facilities and helps to education have been greatly improved; and it now stands in the front rank of southern institutions of learning. It is prepared to receive the boys; it is the duty of the pastors and churches to see that the boys are there.

No less important is the education of the girls, and that is well provided for in Oxford, Murfreesboro, Thomasville and Shelby female colleges.

The Education Board gave during last session aid to 34 young ministers. The demands upon the board are increasing every year; the amount of help the board is able to extend depends upon the contributions of the churches. Since our last meeting the churches have given in all to this object $330.42, which amount falls short of the pledges $146.12.

R. T. VANN,
W. L. POTEAT,
SHERWOOD WHITE.
Committee.

After discussion by brethren Whitfield, Durham, Poteat, Taylor, Purefoy, Scarborough and Vann the report is adopted, and the following amounts pledged the Board by the several churches:

Youngsville,	$ 15 00	Rolesville,	$ 10 00
Brassfields,	10 00	Hopkins' Chapel,	5 00
Flat Rock,	15 00	Midway,	5 00
Franklinton,	10 00	New Hope,	35 00
Perry's Chapel,	5 00	Wake Cross Roads,	10 00
Mt Vernon,	20 00	Raleigh, First Church,	250 00
Woodland,	5 00	Hat Collection,	6 08
Wake Union,	15 00		
Wake Forest,	100 00	Total,	$ 536 08
Forestville,	20 00		

On motion of brother W. C. Powell, the report on Foreign Missions is made the special order of business for 10 o'clock the following morning.

Bro. Heck moves that the report on State Missions be made the subject for discussion at 11 o'clock.

It is also voted that the report on Sunday Schools be made the special order for 1 : 30 p. m.

On motion, the Association adjourns.

THURSDAY, August 27th, 1885.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. C. W. Scarborough, after which the Association is called to order by the Moderator.

Proceedings of the previous meeting are read and approved, and the roll of delegates called.

Letter from Rolesville church is read.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

If we take a map of the world and illumine those parts that have been brought under the influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ and darken those that have not, we are at first startled at the extent of the spiritual night still overhanging the nations. Little would seem to have been done towards the world's evangelization. This, however, is an unfair way of getting at the work that God has wrought through His servants. Gospel influences as entering wedges have so forced their way into the huge masses of heathendom that the kingdoms of the world tremble and satan was never more busy. We are at a critical juncture in the history of our blessed Redeemer's cause.

Faithful soldiers of Christ stand up for Him and souls at salient points and plead fondly for re-enforcement and enlargement. The blessing of God upon their labors is the seal of the Almighty upon the plea they make. Prominent among these heroes of the faith is our beloved brother, M. T. Yates, for whose support in part the churches of this Association stand pledged.

At last, in answer to prayer, two North Carolinians, brethren Herring and Bryan, go to the help of the sturdy veteran.

Does this mean that we must pray more and do more for Foreign Missions? If we study God's way of teaching us, this is the only conclusion that we can reach. The church letters show $488.28 of the apportionment of $630.00 to have been raised, leaving $141.72 still due.

Hopkins' Chapel is $9.50 behind; Raleigh, $119. 15; Olive Branch, $15.00; and Wake Cross Roads, $16.02. Wake Union has $1.75 beyond its apportionment; Wake Forest, $21.78; Midway, 90 cents.

W. B. ROYALL,
W. J. FULFORD,
T. H. GRIFFIN,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Apportionment of the Yates Fund;

Raleigh, (First Church),	$250 00	Wake Cross Roads,	$ 25 00
Wake Forest,	100 00	Hopkins' Chapel,	15 00
Forestville,	30 00	New Bethel,	15 00
Franklinton,	25 00	Rolesville,	20 00
Mt. Vernon,	25 00	Woodland,	10 00
Brassfields,	20 00	Midway,	5 00
Flat Rock,	25 00	Perry's Chapel,	10 00
Wake Union,	20 00	Bay Leaf,	5 00
New Hope,	20 00	Youngsville,	15 00

W. H. MITCHELL,
W. C. POWELL,
W. G. RIDDICK,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren Whitfield, Royall and Mills both reports are adopted.

Bro. C. M. Cooke, of Tar River Association, is invited to a seat among us.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission Board has under its supervision seventy missionaries who are preaching the Gospel in the destitute portions of North Carolina. Of this number twenty-one are giving their whole time to the work, the others a part of their time. This is the largest number the Board has ever had under its care; and the results of their labors have been proportionately large. In the present week's issue of the BIBLICAL RECORDER you will read an account of the baptism by one of our missionaries of forty-three souls at two mission points, while he was still in the midst of one of the meetings, at which thirty had already made professions of faith. He is now engaged in a third meeting at which there is much interest. This is but a glimpse of what is going on all over the State, and thousands of souls will be won for Christ.

Glancing over the minutes of the Baptist State Convention for the past three years, we find these pleasing results from the labors of the missionaries of this Board: *Thirty-nine* new churches and *ninety-one* new Sunday Schools organized; twenty-eight houses of worship erected; *three thousand, one hundred and six* professed conversions, and *two thousand two hundred and sixty-three* baptisms.

But with all these successes there is still much destitution in many parts of the State, and many calls come to your Board every year for the bread of life which it has been impossible, from the lack of men and money, to supply.

And even now the Board is seriously embarrassed for funds. Many of the missionaries have just been paid for the first quarter, while six months salary remains unpaid.

The Board is looking to the Central Association for $1,000. Of this amount $917.22 still remains unpaid. Will not the churches and delegates assume this amount at once, and see that it is raised by the 1st of November, and forward it to the Treasurer of the Convention? We cannot afford to cripple the efforts of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. RAY,
J. L. WHITE,
J. H. WATKINS,
Committee.

Report is discussed by brethren J. M. Heck and R. T. Vann.

Pending the discussion the following amounts are pledged by churches of the Association (for State Missions);

Youngsville,	$10 00	Woodland,	$ 6 00
Brassfields,	25 00	Wake Union,	20 00
Flat Rock,	30 00	Wake Forest,	75 00
Franklinton,	20 00	Forestville,	20 00
Perry's Chapel,	10 00	Hopkins' Chapel,	10 00
Mt. Vernon,	25 00	Midway,	5 00
New Bethel,	5 00	New Nope,	25 00
Bay Leaf,	5 00	Wake Cross Roads,	10 00

Report is amended by resolution offered by Rev. W. J. Fulford:

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches composing it, that they organize a Union Meeting to embrace the fifth Sundays and Saturdays before, during the year, and that the object of the same be to arouse the churches to a greater interest and a more united effort in promoting the objects which claim their support. And for the furtherance of this purpose that a committee be appointed at each union to prepare a programme for the next.

Report is adopted as amended.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is our denominational organ. It aids and promotes all our work as no other one agent can do. It keeps its readers fully informed of the progress of our denomination in our home and our foreign work. It is sound in doctrine, and serves as a cord of love to bind our large denomination together as one in the work of extending the Redeemer's kingdom. No Baptist family should be or can afford to be without it. It educates the children and parents in a high degree, and as will be done in no other way.

We were struck with the fact in the reading of the letters that the efficiency of our churches may be largely measured by the number of copies of the BIBLICAL RECORDER taken by the members of the church.

We recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., as fully worthy of our serious appreciation, and should be taken and read by our churches.

J. S. PUREFOY,
P. M. HARRISON,
J. B. HARRELL.
Committee.

After being discussed by brother C. T. Bailey the report was adopted.

Moved that the Clerk be allowed $15.00 for his services, and be ordered to have seven hundred copies of the minutes printed.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened.

It is voted that brother W. J. Fulford be authorized to prepare a programme and to have charge of the whole matter of Union Meetings.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Yates' Salary.	Education.	State Missions.
Mt. Vernon	$ 1 50	$	$	$
Wake Union,	2 00	20 00		
Perry's Chapel,	2 75		2 95	
Woodland,	2 00	5 00		
Brassfields,	3 00	8 50		
Franklinton,	3 00			
Hopkins' Chapel,	1 50	11 00		
New Hope,	3 00			
Youngsville,	1 70	4 04		1 52
New Bethel,	2 00			
Bay Leaf,	50	5 00		
Flat Rock,	3 00			
Wake Forest,	5 00			
Wake Cross Roads,	1 00			
Olive Branch,	2 00			
Rolesville,	3 00			
Forestville,	2 50			
Midway,	1 50	5 90	5 00	5 00
Raleigh,	5 00			
	$ 45 95	$ 59 44	$ 7 95	$ 6 52

W. H. MITCHELL,
W. C. POWELL,
W. R. WALTERS,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the work committed to the Southern Baptist Convention, and is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. The objects of this Home Mission Board are to send missionaries to destitute points outside the bounds of our State Convention, to the Indian tribes on our borders and to aid in building houses of worship in our destitute fields. The Board has done a good work in New Orleans in the last few years, and among the Indians in the Indian Territory.

This Board has aided in establishing some of our ablest churches, and in sustaining pastors and missionaries, and deserves our sympathy and co-operation.

C. [illegible]. BAILEY,
W. D. WATSON,
W. O. ALLEN,
Committee.

After discussion by Rev. A. G. McManaway this report is adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

TO THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Dear Brethren :—Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following report :

The fact that the Master commands us to search the scriptures and to teach the truths of the Bible to the children is sufficient authority for the whole Sunday School work; and the fact that the Master has so wonderfully blessed this department of His work should be sufficient reason to bring into it every one who loves the precious gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

No church is so small in membership, and no community is so thinly settled that a Sunday School cannot be organized and maintained, and made a great blessing to all who take part in it and to that entire community. In urging that a Sunday Sunday be established at every church, we make a few suggestions which long experience and observation has proven to be necessary to the successful working of the school :

1st. Make the church comfortable for united work.

2nd. Try to secure a live progressive Superintendent.

3rd. Don't fail to obtain a good supply of the best lesson helps. Money invested in this way always makes handsome returns in good work.

4th. Meet promptly at the hour appointed and try to give spirit to all the exercises.

5th. Make regular collections for missions and other objects of the Convention in order that a spirit of christian liberality may be inculcated in the hearts of the young people.

6th. We heartily urge the importance of thorough Associational organization, and as a means in this direction, regular fifth Sunday Union Meetings are specially valuable.

J. M. HECK,
E. G. HARRELL,
J. C. HOCUTT,
R. T. VANN,
Committee.

After being discussed by brethren J. M. Heck, Eugene Harrell and C. M. Cooke, the report is adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are tendered New Hope church and this community for their hospitality during the session of the Association.

Resolved, That the Association recommend to the churches that in electing delegates to this body, they either instruct them what amounts to pledge to the various Boards, or select delegates whose discretion they can trust in making such pledges.

On motion the Association adjourns to meet at Perry's Chapel the 4th Tuesday in August, 1886.

L. N. CHAPPELL, *Clerk.*

L. R. MILLS, *Moderator.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order,

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion, without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Finance Committee for Minute Fund,		$45 95
" " " " Foreign Missions,		59 44
" " " " Ministerial Education,		7 95
" " " " State Missions,		6 52
" hat collection for Ministerial Education,		7 03
Total receipts,		$ 126 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, for Foreign Missions,	$59 44	
" F. H. Briggs, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, for State Missions,	6 52	
" R. T. Vann, Secretary of Education Board,	14 98	
" Edwards, Broughton & Co., for Printing Minutes,	30 95	
" Clerk's Salary,	15 00	
Total disbursements,		$ 126 89

L. N. CHAPPELL,
Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Youngsville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	J. A. Winston,	Youngsville,	5	6	--	2	----	--	46	49	95	--
Brassfields,	W. J. Fulford,	Franklinton,	W. R. Walters,	Wilton,	7	----	--	4	----	2	59	77	136	--
Flat Rock,	W. J. Fulford,	Franklinton,	R. J. Conyers,	Youngsville,	12	3	--	6	5	5	100	192	295	3
Franklinton,	A. G. McManaway,	Louisburg,	C. Pritchard,	Franklinton,	1	2	1	3	2	2	39	50	89	--
Perry's Chapel,	J. B. Harrell,	Wake Forest,	R. O. Pernell,	Franklinton,	2	5	2	----	----	--	38	47	89	4
Mt. Vernon,	O. L. Stringfield,	Wakefield,	J. D. Allen,	Neuse,	----	4	--	6	3	2	51	92	143	--
New Bethel,	J. W. Atkinson,	Rogers' Store	W. A. Jones,	Rogers' Store	9	8	4	10	4	6	64	80	144	--
Olive Branch,	J. C. Hocutt,	Dayton,	J. E. Suit,	Fish Dam,	2	----	1	2	1	1	48	68	116	--
Bay Leaf,	J. C. Hocutt,	Dayton,	J. B. Beddingfield	Falls,	----	4	--	3	----	--	5	14	19	--
Woodland,	W. H. Edwards,	Wake Forest,	G. W. Smith,	Wake Forest,	12	2	1	2	2	1	50	72	122	--
Wake Union,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	W. O. Allen,	Falls,	----	2	--	1	2	1	15	33	48	--
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	9	2	1	10	3	3	26	41	67	--
Rolesville,	W. B. Royall,	Wake Forest.	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	9	5	1	7	2	4	81	154	235	--
Wake Forest,	R. T. Vann,	Wake Forest,	W. L. Poteat,	Wake Forest,	8	33	3	30	4	--	101	70	171	--
Hopkins' Chapel,	G. W. Coppedge,	Moore's Mills	J. H. Ray,	Wakefield,	15	2	1	5	66	4	45	91	136	--
Midway,	W. H. Edwards,	Wake Forest,	J. R. Harp,	Raleigh,	12	4	--	----	----	--	23	38	61	--
New Hope,	J. L. White,	Wake Forest,	F. J. Holloway,	Raleigh,	18	6	--	5	2	--	45	65	122	12
Raleigh (1st Church)	T. E. Skinner,	Raleigh,	P. A. Carter,	Raleigh,	3	13	--	31	2	--	185	333	518	--
Wake Cross Roads,	O. L. Stringfield,	Wakefield,	H. V. Pace.	Neuse,	----	---	1	13	3	9	55	86	146	--
					124	101	16	140	101	40	1016	1712	2752	19

Statement of Funds Reported in Church Letters

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Baptist Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Oxford Orphan Asylum.	Other objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Amount.
Youngsville,	$ 100 00	$	$	$ 8 73	$ 15 00	$	$	$	$	$ 30 00	$ 1 70	$ 155 43
Brassfields,	225 00	16 75	11 34	12 25	20 00					8 66	3 00	297 00
Flat Rock,	325 00	1 96	2 00	4 66	25 00					8 78	3 00	370 40
Franklinton,	350 00	25 00	10 40	11 00	25 00			5 00		23 07	3 00	442 07
Perry's Chapel,	125 00	4 50	5 00	10 00	10 00					47 95	2 75	205 20
Mt. Vernon,	150 00	7 00	21 73	20 00	25 00					22 00	1 50	247 23
New Bethel,	100 00		5 00		15 00	1 00				8 00	2 00	131 00
Olive Branch,	100 00	8 00		4 23						6 00	2 00	120 23
Bay Leaf,	50 00	3 75			5 00						50	59 25
Woodland,	75 00	2 00			5 00	3 00				12 00	2 00	99 00
Wake Union,	100 00	17 50	13 62	14 50	21 75					16 75	2 00	186 12
Forestville,	200 00	9 00	25 00	15 00	45 00					24 50	2 50	331 00
Rolesville,	150 00	76 20	5 50	20 00	20 00			4 00		18 40	3 00	297 10
Wake Forest,	700 00	129 24	83 71	188 00	91 78		101 95	22 95	29 25	39 26	5 00	1,391 14
Hopkins' Chapel,	100 00			2 50	11 00					16 00	1 50	131 00
Midway,	75 00	14 00	5 00	5 54	5 90						1 50	106 94
New Hope,	125 00	3 55	33 37	27 01	14 52			4 63		11 85	5 00	222 93
Raleigh (1st Church),	2,240 00	850 00	193 00	554 77	130 85					384 43	5 00	3,997 05
Wake Cross Roads,	150 00			1 08	2 98						1 00	155 06
Total,	$5,440 00	$1,168 45	$415 67	$899 27	$488 78	$ 4 00	$101 95	$36 58	$29 25	$677 65	$45 95	$8,945 15

Sabbath School Statistics.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. S. S. papers taken.	No. Months in Year School kept open.
Youngsville,	J. J. Barrow,	Youngsville,	10	85	60	40	61	12
Brassfields,	T. L. Cannady,	Wilton,	5	25	18	12	1	6
Flat Rock,	P. M. Harrison,	Youngsville,	5	73	50	150	40	12
Franklinton,	C. Winston,	Franklinton,	11	80	40	100	53	12
Perry's Chapel,	R. O. Purnell,	Franklinton,	11	92	65	100	----	12
Mt. Vernon,	E. S. Dunn,	Neuse,	16	116	75	250	20	12
New Bethel,	J. C. Moore,	Rogers' Store,	7	38	25	50	12	8
Olive Branch,								
Bay Leaf,	J. B. Beddingfield,	Falls of Neuse,	7	41	26	40	24	5
Woodland,								
Wake Union,								
Forestville,	L. N. Chappell,	Forestville,	12	52	25	400	48	12
Rolesville,	James Mitchell,	Rolesville,	11	68	40	100	----	12
Wake Forest,	W. C. Powell,	Wake Forest.	----	----	110	207	250	12
Hopkins' Chapel,	W. K. Phillips,	Riley's Cross Roads,	12	150	100	--	35	6
Midway,	J. R. Harp,	Raleigh,	6	108	50	150	30	12
New Hope,	R. J. Buffaloe,	Raleigh,	7	60	40	200	25	12
Raleigh (1st Church)	E. G. Harrell	Raleigh,	36	429	300	1000	200	12
Wake Cross Roads.	C. G. O'Neal.	Neuse,	12	123	85	160	36	12
		Total,	168	1540	1109	2959	835	

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Rev. J. S. Purefoy, Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

PERRY'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Tuesday, August 24th, 1886.

The Central Association meets in its twenty-seventh annual session with Perry's Chapel church, Franklin Co., N. C.

In the absence of both Rev. C. S. Farriss and his alternate Rev. W. J. Fulford, Rev. R. T. Vann is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Text: Revelation vii: 14 and 15.

The Association adjourns for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes with singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour," is led in prayer by Dr. W. A. Nelson, and is then called to order by Prof. W. L. Poteat, Moderator *pro tempore*.

The roll of churches is called, and their letters are read by brethren W. B. Royall and C. H. Martin. The following delegates are enrolled:

FIRST DISTRICT.

YOUNGSVILLE—M. D. Holmes, John Knight, W. R. Stell, J. A. Winston and J. J. Barrow.

BRASSFIELDS—N. E. Cannady, S. H. Cannady, W. H. Garner, T. L. Cannady and W. R. Walters.

FLAT ROCK—J. D. Tharington, Jenadus Jones, W. P. Morris, Perry Wiggins and R. J. Conyers.

FRANKLINTON—A. B. Wester, N. Y. Gulley, S. P. Lowry, E. F. Eddins and E. W. Morriss.

PERRY'S CHAPEL—J. J. Wilder, R. E. Gill, R. C. Woodliff, R. A. Wilder and T. M. Beavers.

SECOND DISTRICT.

MOUNT VERNON—W. G. L. Allen, A. Carter, J. A. Honeycut, S. F. Bailey and E. S. Dunn.

*NEW BETHEL—E. M. Perry, J. M. Adams, W. M. Ross and Robert Saintsing. Alternates, J. C. Ross and L. M. Gray.

BAY LEAF—J. P. Ball, J. H. Hutchinson, W. L. Nipper, A. Y. Bailey and E. T. Pipers.

WOODLAND—B. H. Davis, James Jones, A. C. O'Neal and S. T. Davis. Alternates, W. A. Barrett, J. W. Pernell and G. W. Smith.

*Not represented by letter at the first sitting of the Association.

THIRD DISTRICT.

WAKE UNION—J. H. Watkins, R. N. Griffin, W. O. Allen, Geo. Holland and George W. Davis.

WAKE FOREST—W. C. Powell, P. A. Dunn, J. J. Ranes, L. R. Mills and P. W. Johnson. Alternates, W. L. Poteat, W. D. Watson and C. E. Brewer.

FORESTVILLE—D. W. Allen, Dr. A. R. Vann, L. N. Chappell, J. R. Dunn and M. E. Vann.

ROLESVILLE—T. L. Honeycut, A. P. Upchurch, W. W. Rogers, J. R. Broughton and A. H. Shearron.

HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—W. W. Perry, David Gay, G. W. Ray, R. C. Hopkins and A. L. Hicks.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

MIDWAY—N. G. Sanderford, M. M. Perry, J. R. Harp, W. O. Terrell and William Holder.

NEW HOPE—F. J. Holloway, B. B. Buffaloe, M. W. Buffaloe, R. J. Buffaloe and C. H. Baugh. Alternates—any other members attending the Association.

WAKE CROSS ROADS—C. G. O'Neal, J. D. Peebles, W. L. Fort, Willis Watkins and J. A. Jones.

*RALEIGH FIRST CHURCH—G. M. Allen, R. G. Lewis, B. H. Mitchell, J. B. Jordan and J. M. Heck. Alternates—any other members attending the Association.

*STONY HILL—T. N. Ray, J. D. Dew, M. R. Sykes, D. S. Ray and L. D. Ray.

*ROCKY FORD—J. E. Alford, A. S. Alford and R. W. Tate.

The election of officers being next in order, the Association elect by ballot: Moderator, Prof. W. L. Poteat; Clerk and Treasurer, L. N. Chappell, and Historian Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

The Constitution and Rules of Order are read.

The petition by letter of Stony Hill church for admission into this Association is read, and the church is received into membership; whereupon the Moderator extends the right hand of fellowship to her delegates, T. N. Ray, J. D. Dew, M. R. Sykes, D. S. Ray and L. D. Ray.

The invitation given by the Moderator to visiting brethren from other Associations to seats among us, is responded to by Dr. W. A. Nelson, of Raleigh Association, representing the State Mission Board; Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, representing the Greensboro church; Rev. C. W. Scarborough, representing the Chowan Baptist Female Institute; Rev. M. J. Willoughby, of Tar River Association, and Bro. W. R. Hamner, also representing the Greensboro church.

Bro. J. S. Purefoy addresses the Association in behalf of Stony Hill church.

It is moved that the Association meet daily at 9:30 A. M. to adjourn at 12; and meet at 1:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

It is moved that the Pastor and Deacons of Perry's Chapel church be a committee on Religious Exercises.

*Not represented by letter at the first sitting of the Association.

It is moved that State Missions be the subject for discussion at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It is moved that the Moderator appoint committees on the different objects claiming the attention of the Association, in the following order: Religious Exercises, Finance, Periodicals, Place and Preachers for next Association, State Missions, Education, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Home Missions, Baptist Orphanage and Executive Board.

It is moved that the duty of the committee on the Executive Board shall be to consider what work ought to be done by this Board, and at their option to nominate such a Board.

It is moved that Ministerial Education be the special order of business for to-morrow immediately after convening in the afternoon session.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Perry's Chapel church.
Finance—S. H. Cannady, B. B. Buffaloe and J. J. Barrow.
Periodicals—O. L. Stringfield, D. W. Allen and E. F. Eddins.
Place and Preachers for next Association—N. Y. Gulley, Jenadus Jones and George Davis.
State Missions—W. A. Nelson, P. A. Dunn and C. H. Martin.
Education—Charles E. Taylor, R. T. Vann and C. W. Scarborough.
Foreign Missions—J. L. White, M. R. Pernell and J. S. Purefoy.
Sunday Schools—P. M. Harrison, T. H. Griffin and W. J. Ferrell.
Home Missions—Baylus Cade, W. H. Mitchell and J. J. Ranes.
Orphanage—W. B. Royall.
Executive Board—P. A. Dunn, R. T. Vann and J. S. Purefoy.

On motion, Association adjourns.

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A. M., August 25th, 1886.

The Association convenes with religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Royall.

The Moderator calls the Association to order, the roll of delegates is called, and the proceedings of yesterday's meetings are read and approved.

On invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us, Bro. C. S. Farriss responded as the representative of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Bro. J. S. Purefoy addresses the Association on the Baptist Almanac.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage is read:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, though beginning its career amid varying prophecies of its successful establishment has already embedded itself in the affections and confidence of the denomination, and no cause to-day appeals to the heart of our people with stronger assurance of support than this one. Under the management of its zealous and efficient superintendent, Bro. J. H. Mills, results have been achieved at this early date that were unlooked for two years ago. Unwavering faith in the divine sanction of this heaven-like undertaking can alone account for the wonderful blessing attending its beginnings.

The Central Association recognizes the Orphanage as taking its place side by side with the other objects claiming its sympathy and support.

W. B. ROYALL.

After remarks made by brethren W. R. Gwaltney. W. B. Royall and C. W. Scarborough, the report is adopted.

It is moved that the clerks of the churches have a special column in their letters for contributions to the Baptist Orphanage.

The letter from New Bethel church is read.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

We have to thank God for good health, it being one of the healthiest years within our memory. The year 1886 will be remembered as one of much rain, in many places of injury to the river bottoms, but on high land the corn and cotton crops are good; wheat this year was a failure, but the oat crop was good. Thanks be to God for his mercies.

Some of our churches have enjoyed precious revivals and one hundred and nineteen persons have been added to the churches since the last Association.

Our college at Wake Forest is in a prosperous condition and numbered during the last session one hundred and eighty students, of whom thirty-five were ministers. There were fourteen graduates this year. Our churches are supplied with useful and efficient ministers.

Dr. T. E, Skinner, after years of faithful service and usefulness, has resigned the charge of the First Church in Raleigh, and Elder J. L. White is now supplying them with much acceptance. The church has lately called him to the full pastorate, but we have not learned that he has accepted the call.

Three new professors have been recently elected to fill positions in Wake Forest College—Dr. J. R. Duggan, of Georgia, professor of Chemistry; Rev. George W. Manly, of South Carolina, professor of Latin, and Mr. W. H. Michael, of West Virginia, assistant professor.

Elder J. W. Lynch was ordained at Youngsville church, January 31st, 1886. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Purefoy; prayer by Rev. J. L. White, and charge by Rev. W. B. Royall.

Rev. M. L. Rickman was ordained at Wake Forest on April 25th, 1886. Sermon by Rev. R. T. Vann; prayer by Rev. J. L. White; charge by Dr. C. E. Taylor, and welcome by Rev. W. B. Royall.

Rev. E. P. Ellington was ordained at Wake Forest College on May 25th, 1886. Sermon by Dr. W. Royall; prayer by Rev. R. T. Vann; charge by Rev. E. M. Poteat, and welcome by Dr. C. E. Taylor.

Deacon John L. Terrell, of Rolesville church, died January 28th, 1886. Bro. Terrell was one of our most efficient deacons, an active zealous christian, always at his post. He died in peace after several years affliction of paralysis.

Bro. Moses H. Allen, a most worthy member of Mt. Vernon church, died June 25th, 1886, aged 77 years.

Bro. T. H. Briggs, one of the foundation pillars of the First Church in Raleigh, died August 3d, 1886, aged 65 years. Bro. Briggs was a christian of the highest sterling worth. He served his church and generation well, and left behind him the most pleasant recollections of a useful and well spent life.

Instead of a history of one of our churches this year I propose to give from the RECORDER, a sketch of the life and services of Rev. N. A. Purefoy, who was baptized and ordained, as well as died in this Association.

Rev. Nicholas Addison Purefoy, so well known and loved by the Baptists of North Carolina, died at the residence of his son, John Watson Purefoy, in Wake Forest, on Tuesday, July 6th, 1886, at 8:30 P. M. He was the son of Rev. John Purefoy and brother to the late Rev. George W. Purefoy, D. D., of Chapel Hill, and Rev. James S. Purefoy, of Wake Forest.

Bro. Purefoy was born in Wake Forest township, Wake county, December 6th, 1810. He was convicted under a funeral sermon preached by Rev. James Weathers, and on profession of faith connected himself with Cross Roads church in 1829. He was ordained in this church August 4th, 1835, by Elders John Purefoy and John Armstrong. In early life, he took a trip through Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, and on his return to North Carolina, was appointed agent for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. In this work he spent one year, and then entered Wake Forest College as a student. From Wake Forest he went to Columbian College, from which he graduated in 1840, taking the degree of A. B. While in Washington City, he supplied the pulpit of the Navy Yard church. After graduating, he returned to this State and accepted a call to the pastorate of the churches in Tarboro and Greenville. In 1847 he accepted a call to the church in Fayetteville and moved to that city. On October 15th, 1850, while pastor in Fayetteville, he married Miss India F. Watson, of Warren county. This beloved lady, who is sorely bereaved in his death, is one of the best women and most devoted Christians in the State. In 1852, Bro. Purefoy moved to Warrenton and for many years was the successful and beloved pastor of the churches at Brown's Gardener's and Perry's Chapel, and Bear Swamp. When nearly seventy years old, and in failing health, he resigned his churches, closed out all his earthly business and removed to Wake Forest College, where, in the house of his only and devoted son, he quietly awaited his approaching end. Here, surrounded by his friends and attended by the loving ministry of his aged wife, his daughter and his son, he gently and peacefully entered into rest on the evening of July 6th, full of years, full of good works, leaving a shining record as a faithful, humble and devoted servant of His Master, and a name and history as a man without a stain. Pure and gentle as a virgin, innocent and teachable as a child, he lived for others, seeming never to think of himself, and only anxious to do good and help his fellow-men.

In many respects, our brother was a wonderful man. That he was wanting in ambition, self-seeking and aggressiveness of character, all who ever knew him will admit. With more of those traits, his attainments as a man and his gifts as a preacher would have been better known and, possibly, he might have filled a larger place in the eyes of his brethren and the world. Either from his own peculiar constitution or from deliberate choice, he selected a widely different path through life. His leading characteristic was his humility. With this humility he possessed a seemingly exhaustless stock of patience, forbearance, kindness and charity. He spoke no hasty words, he sharply censured no one; yet, with all this, no man of our acquaintance was ever truer to his convictions, more decided in his opinions or more ready to defend truth and right, or reprove error and sin. Thus he walked humbly with God, out of sight of the world, and often out of sight of his friends and neighbors. He never meddled with other men's matters, never intruded himself upon the notice of the world.

As a Christian, Bro. Purefoy was a bright example. His patience under adversity—and he drank many a bitter cup—was perfect. His submission to the will of God was sublime. No changes of season or place affected him. In the

darkest night of adversity and sorrow he was as calm and submissive as amid the brightest day of joy and gladness.

To us his presence was a benediction, and we shall ever esteem it a special favor that for five years we had the privilege of his example and his advice. Naturally impatient of restraint ourselves, and disposed to complain when anything did not go to suit us, we learned much by associating with our brother, and saw illustrated in him what an abiding confidence and trust in God could do for us. In all our times of sorrow, as well as when provoked and hindered, we found it profitable to call and see Bro. Purefoy and lay our case before him. His calm way of looking at these petty, earthly trials made them appear utterly unimportant, and we returned to our work feeling curious to understand how they had ever appeared otherwise to us. Our brother's thoughts were much on heaven. His conversation, his citizenship was there long before he left us. For years he had looked forward to death with joyous anticipations. The only time that we ever heard him say anything that bordered on impatience was some three years since, when talking to us about dying, he remarked that "he thought it strange at times, when reading the notices of the death of his brethren in the paper, that he was compelled to remain so long, waiting for the summons; that every night before going to sleep he prayed that he might wake up in heaven, and every morning that that might be his last day on earth." He wished to die suddenly. God chose for him as he did for Moses, a different and a better answer. For months he lingered under pain, and often passed through seasons of great agony. Yet, even with all this, neither his faith nor his patience failed him—he accepted it as God's way, and the best way and longed only that it be ended. He went up through great tribulation, yet fewer gladder, happier or more loving souls ever entered through the gates into the city.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

The report is adopted.

The report on State Missions is read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

"A glance at the results of the efforts of these [State] missionaries for the past four years alone, shows us that, at different times, one hundred and sixteen men have been sent out, more than two hundred and fifty churches and stations supplied with preaching, five thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine weeks of labor performed, seventeen thousand one hundred and ninety-two sermons preached, four hundred and eighty protracted meetings held, five thousand and ninety-eight professed conversion, three thousand five hundred and ninety persons baptized, fifty-three new churches and ninety-six Sunday schools organized and thirty-three meeting-houses built. These are some of the results of the labors of our missionaries alone for *only four years.*"

We take the above figures from Bro. Ray's circular-letter, that it may be seen what the contributions to State missions are accomplishing. But, notwithstanding these glorious results, there still remain many dark and destitute belts within the limits of our State. Last year there were seventy missionaries in the field, and this year, Bro. Ray tells us, there are to be paid nine more men than ever before in the history of our Convention, and that there will be needed ten thousand dollars to carry on the great work as it should be done.

Your committee would, therefore, respectfully urge upon all the churches within the bounds of the Central Association to rally to a prompt and liberal support of our State Mission Board. We believe that, in the providence of God, these missionaries, if the board be not crippled by lack of funds, are destined to carry the light of the gospel to all the dark and destitute sections of our State.

With the gospel trumpet lifted to their lips, they have gone, as a flame of fire, through the land, sounding as they went the glorious news: "The blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin." Under the influence of the burning words of these sturdy men of God, thousands have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, and, if the board be furnished with adequate means, these missionaries will continue to travel from the mountains to the sea-shore, and from the sea-shore back to the mountains, preaching as they go, till at every village, town and hamlet, and at every cross-roads, on every public highway, will be planted the banner of our Lord upon whose blood-red folds, unfurled and waving in the wind, may be read, in golden letters, this inscription: North Carolina, America, the world for Jesus Christ!

W. A. NELSON,
P. A. DUNN,
C. H. MARTIN,
Committee.

After remarks made by brethren W. A. Nelson and R. T. Vann, this report is adopted.

The following amounts are promised by the delegates of the several churches for State Missions:

Youngsville	$ 15 00	Rolesville	$ 20 00
Brassfields	25 00	Wake Forest	75 00
Flat Rock	-----	Hopkins' Chapel	10 00
Franklinton	20 00	Midway	-----
Perry's Chapel	11 00	New Hope	20 00
Mt. Vernon	20 00	First Church, Raleigh	500 00
New Bethel	5 00	Wake Cross Roads	10 00
Bay Leaf	5 00	Stony Hill	-----
Woodland (B. H. Davis)	5 00	Hat collection	9 14
Wake Union	15 00		
Forestville	20 00	Total	$784 14

On motion, the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes with prayer by Bro. William Royall, and the Moderator calls the body to order.

The report on Education is read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

During the last year the Board of Education has aided twenty-nine young ministers at the College. Four of these are doing pastoral work in this Association.

The Board is receiving daily applications for aid from young brethren, who are licensed by their churches, and unable to educate themselves. God seems thus to be indicating by his providence our duty to enlarge this work.

The Board is owing about six hundred dollars. We must seek to pay off this debt and at the same time to provide for increasing its efficiency. In order to do this, the churches must increase their contributions. The debt is due to bad crops for several successive years. Now that the prospect is better, we ought

not to continue in debt. The Central Association last year contributed about two hundred and fifty dollars. It is hoped that the Board will receive at least the same amount next year.

Wake Forest College now has a full corps of professors, a thorough and extended course of studies, ample grounds and buildings, an excellent library, good apparatus and fine literary societies. Situated as it is in the midst of the Central Association, it ought to be largely patronized by the people of our churches. It is the aim of those who control it to keep it in the very forefront of the colleges of the country.

We cordially recommended the female colleges at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby as worthy of patronage.

Remarks are made by brethren Taylor, Gulley, Gwaltney, Stringfield, Jenkins, M. R. Pernell and R. T. Vann.

Amounts promised for Ministerial Education:

Youngsville	$ 15 00	Forestville	$ 20 00
Brassfields	10 00	Rolesville	10 00
Flat Rock	-----	Wake Forest	50 00
Franklinton	20 00	Hopkins' Chapel	-----
Perry's Chapel	15 00	Midway	-----
Mt. Vernon	20 00	New Hope	35 00
New Bethel	5 00	First Church, Raleigh	300 00
Bay Leaf	5 00	Wake Cross Roads	10 00
Woodland	5 00	Stony Hill	-----
Wake Union	15 00	Total	$535 00

The report is adopted.

The letter from First Church, Raleigh, is read.

Adjournment.

THURSDAY, August 26th, 1886.

The Association convenes with prayer by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, and is called to order by the Moderator. The roll of delegates is called, and the proceedings of yesterday's meetings are read and approved.

Rocky Ford church presents her letter, petitioning admission into the Association. Her Covenant and Articles of Faith are read. Brethren J. S. Purefoy and M. R. Pernell speak in her behalf, and the Association receives her into membership; whereupon the Moderator extends the right hand of fellowship to her delegates, J. E. Alford, A. S. Alford and R. W. E. Tate.

Report on Finance is read:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Baptist Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	State Missions.
Stony Hill	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$
Mt. Vernon	1 50		15 40		
Wake Union	2 00				
Perry's Chapel	2 75			3 35	
Woodland	2 00		5 00		
Brassfields	2 50				
Franklinton	3 00				
Hopkins' Chapel	1 50		3 25		
New Hope	3 00				
Youngsville	2 00				
New Bethel	2 28				
Bay Leaf	1 00	5 00	1 94		
Flat Rock	3 00				
Wake Forest	5 00				
Wake Cross Roads	1 05				*8 53
Rolesville	2 00				
Forestville	3 00				
Midway	1 50		7 25		5 00
Raleigh	5 00				
Hat collection					*9 14
Rocky Ford	1 00				
	$ 46 08	$ 5 00	$ 32 84	$ 3 35	$ 22 67

*Rev. W. A. Nelson took charge of $17.67 for State Missions of the above.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. CANNADY,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
J. J. BARROW,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

Report of the committee on the Executive Board is read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.

There are three or more sections of gospel destitution within the bounds of this Association that ought to receive attention and aid from the churches of this Association, Rocky Ford and Stony Hill, where there are small churches constituted, and they are arranging to build a house. A section near Pink Harris, between Flat Rock, Rolesville, Hopkins' Chapel and Poplar Spring. By receiving needed help in a few years, there might be self-sustaining churches in these sections.

Tract distribution and colportage of books should be practiced by each church in the Association so as to disseminate denominational and other religious literature among the people, and reports of the whole work done to be reported annually by the executive board to the Association.

We recommend that W. L. Poteat, P. A. Dunn, W. B. Smith, B. B. Buffaloe

and J. N. Holding be appointed an Executive Board, who should have charge of this work according to Article 9 of the Constitution.

P. A. DUNN,
R. T. VANN,
J. S. PUREFOY,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren J. S. Purefoy and M. R. Pernell.
Adopted.
Report on Sunday Schools is read:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Every earnest, thoughtful member of this Association has learned that the Sunday School work is a most important part of christian labor. We believe that the increase in the efficiency and in the liberality of the churches, which is so gratifying, is due more to the Sunday schools than to any other one agency.

The Sunday schools are the educators of the churches; and it is well known that those churches deprived of this source of knowledge are far behind in usefulness and activity in the service of the Master, therefore every church should have a Sunday school.

The revival in the State Mission work has come after much zeal and labor in establishing Sunday schools in the churches throughout the State, and it is earnestly hoped that the churches will most heartily coöperate with the Sunday School Board at Raleigh.

It is gratifying to report progress in the Sunday School work in this Association. By comparing the statistics of the present session with those of the last, we find there has been a gain of over two hundred and fifty scholars, but a loss of six officers and teachers.

P. M. HARRISON,
T. H. GRIFFIN,
W. J. FERRELL,
Committee.

After some discussion, the report is adopted.
The report on Periodicals is read:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The power of the printing press cannot be disregarded without ruinous results. Every worthy as well as unworthy enterprise finds its way to the hearts and minds of the people through this medium.

We who advocate, as we believe, principles which are of eternal importance, and which are peculiar to us cannot be so unwise as to neglect our paper, the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and the Sunday School Quarterlies published by American Baptist Publishing Society.

Your committee beg leave to recommend the general circulation of the papers named above, *Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words;* for where there is union there is strength, and we cannot be united upon a work of which we know but little. We should, therefore, learn of the work by reading our denominational paper, and go forward in the performance of it, using *Kind Words*, Quarterlies and other lesson helps that are so well adapted to help us to impress the blessed truths of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. STRINGFIELD,
E. F. EDDINS,
D. W. ALLEN,
Committee.

The report is discussed and adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions is read:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

After years of patient labor by faithful soldiers of Christ, the gospel influences have entered the huge masses of heathendom, and the kingdoms of the world are trembling. The demand for help was never more urgent and the reasons for helping were never more encouraging.

Prominent among the heroes of the faith is our beloved brother, M. T. Yates, for whose support in part the churches of this Association stand pledged. Bro. Yates is constantly and fondly pleading for re-enforcement and enlargement. The blessing of God upon his labors is the seal of the Almighty upon the plea which he makes. At last, in answer to prayer, two other North Carolinians, brethren Herring and Bryan, have gone to help and stay the sturdy veteran in his declining days. The Lord is raising up and preparing other God-fearing men for His ripening field.

Brethren, the voice from these beloved fellow countrymen, with the voice from our blessed Master, demand increased efforts on our part to send the Word of Life to the nations in darkness.

The committee recommend that the apportionment remain the same as last year.

J. L. WHITE,
M. R. PERNELL,
J. S. PUREFOY,
Committee.

After an interesting discussion, this report is adopted.

The hour having arrived, the Association adjourns for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes with singing, "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Prayer is offered by Rev. C. S. Farriss. Moderator calls Association to order.

Report on Home Missions is read:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has committed to it the work of evangelizing the Southern States, island of Cuba and the Indian Territory. The agencies which it employs, the methods which it pursues, and the work which it has done, which it is now doing—gives it the right to claim a large place in the hearts of all our people. The enlightened and faithful labors of the servants and managers of this Board should secure for it the entire confidence of all the churches, and gather into its treasury such large sums of money as will enable it greatly to enlarge its work.

Unhappily, your committee is not in possession of such information, as would make possible a detailed statement of the Board's work during the last Conventional year. But, it is believed, the Board has done more and better work, the past year, than it has done, during a like period, at any other time since its organization.

It is the opinion of your committee that the surest and shortest way to bring about the evangelization and civilization of the whole world will be found in the speedy and thorough Christianization of our own country. America entirely won for Christ, the Spiritual conquest of Asia and Africa becomes certain and comparatively easy.

Believing that our churches and people are not as fully informed as to the work and needs of this Board as they might be—as they ought to be—your committee respectfully and earnestly suggests, to pastors and deacons, it is appropriate and important to take such steps as they may deem best suited to the purpose, to lay before all our people, in detail, the work and needs of the Home Mission Board. Respectfully submitted,

BAYLUS CADE,
W. H. MITCHELL,
J. J. RANES,
Committee.

Pending the discussion of this report the churches pledged themselves to have collections taken for this object, and gave the following names of persons, who should bring the matter to the attention of their brethren from time to time:

CHURCH.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	
Youngsville	J. A. Winston	Youngsville,	N. C.
Brassfields	S. H. Cannady	Wilton,	"
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville,	"
Franklinton	N. Y. Gulley	Franklinton,	"
Perry's Chapel	T. H. Griffin	Louisburg,	"
Mt. Vernon	J. D. Allen	Falls,	"
New Bethel	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest,	"
Bay Leaf	A. Y. Bailey	Hutchinson's Store,	"
Woodland	George W. Smith	Pernell,	"
Wake Union	J. H. Watkins	Pernell,	"
Forestville	D. W. Allen	Forestville,	"
Rolesville	Dr. M. L. Fowler	Rolesville,	"
Wake Forest	Prof. W. L. Poteat	Wake Forest,	"
Hopkins' Chapel	J. H. Ray	Wakefield,	"
Midway	N. G. Sanderford	Raleigh,	"
New Hope	B. B. Buffaloe	Raleigh,	"
First Church, Raleigh	Robert Williamson	Raleigh,	"
Wake Cross Roads	W. G. O'Neal	Neuse,	"
Stony Hill	J. H. Dew		"
Rockford	W. B. Tate	Franklinton,	"

The report is then adopted.

The committee on Place and Preachers for next Association, recommend Brassfields church, and Rev. Baylus Cade to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. W. B. Royall as his alternate. This report is adopted.

Resolved, That this Association be divided into two sections, and that a Union Meeting be held in each section, commencing on Saturday before each fifth Sunday in the year, and that a committee be appointed to divide the Association in accordance with the above.

Committee on Union Meetings: P. A. Dunn, W. B. Royall and J. S. Purefoy.

Report of committee on the division of the Central Association, in order to hold two Union meetings. One on each fifth Sunday and Saturday before, to discuss subjects, promote Sunday schools, and other matters of interest to the Central Association.

FIRST SECTION.	SECOND SECTION.
Youngsville,	Forestville,
Brassfields,	Rolesville,
Flat Rock,	Hopkins' Chapel,
Franklinton,	Cross Roads,
Perry's Chapel,	New Hope,
Wake Union,	Mt. Vernon,
Woodland,	New Bethel,
Stony Hill,	Bay Leaf,
Rocky Ford,	Midway,
Wake Forest to be divided.	Raleigh,
	Wake Forest to be divided.

The first meetings to be held with Rolesville church and Brassfields church, one in each section, on the fifth Sunday in October and Saturday before. Subjects and speakers to be hereafter announced by the committee. Each meeting to arrange for the next. Each church to be entitled to five delegates,

P. A. DUNN,
W. B. ROYALL,
JAS. S. PUREFOY,
Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby gratefully tendered to Perry's Chapel church and the people of the surrounding community, for the cordial and ample hospitality extended the delegates and visitors, who have attended the present session of this Association.

It is moved that seven hundred copies of the minutes of this Association be printed, and that Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

It is moved that three delegates be appointed to the Baptist State Convention. Delegates—J. L. White, W. H. Mitchell and S. H. Cannady.

It is moved that a collection be taken for the Greensboro church. Collection amounts to $8.71.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet with the Brassfields church on the 4th Tuesday in August, 1887.

W. L. POTEAT,
Moderator.

L. N. CHAPPELL, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion, without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10 After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Finance Committee for Minute Fund				$46	08
"	"	"	" Foreign Missions	32	84
"	"	"	" Ministerial Education	3	35
"	"	"	" State Missions	5	00
"	"	"	" Baptist Orphanage	5	00
Total receipts				$92	27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer of Baptist State Convention:		
For Foreign Missions	$32	84
" State Missions	5	00
" Baptist Orphanage	5	00
" Ministerial Education	3	35
Paid Edwards, Broughton & Co., for printing minutes	31	08
" Clerk's salary	15	00
Total disbursements	$92	27

L. N. CHAPPELL, *Treasurer.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Youngsville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. A. Winston	Youngsville	22	17		15	1	1	60	60	120	
Brassfields	M. L. Rickman	Wake Forest	W. R. Walters	Wilton		2		3		3	49	71	120	
Flat Rock			J. A. Clifton	Royal	14	2		15	14	3	85	180	265	3
Franklinton	Baylus Cade	Louisburg	E. F. Eddins	Franklinton		5		9		2	39	48	87	
Perry's Chapel	J. W. Lynch	Wake Forest	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	16	7		4	3	1	41	60	101	4
Mt. Vernon	O. L. Stringfield	Wakefield	J. D. Allen	Falls	17	2		11	3	2	59	99	158	
New Bethel	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest	J. C. Moore	Rogers' Store	5		1		6		55	89	144	
Bay Leaf	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	E. T. Piper	Hutchinson's	4	3		1			10	16	26	
Woodland	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton	G. W. Smith	Pernell, [Store,			1	1	1		49	71	120	
Wake Union	W. B. oyall	Wake Forest	W. O. Allen	Falls		3	1	5		4	14	30	44	
Forestville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	L. Chappell	Forestville		2		14	2	3	22	36	58	
Rolesville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. R. Broughton	Rolesville	12	5		25	1	3	75	120	195	
Wake Forest	R. T. Vann	Wake Forest	W. L. Poteat	Wake Forest	13	16	1	4	3	1	99	100	199	
Hopkins' Chapel	G. W. Coppedge	Moore's Mills	J. H. Ray	Riley's X Roads	13	8	7		3	1	58	100	158	
Midway	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest	J. R. Harp	Raleigh		4		6			24	42	66	
New Hope			F. J. Holloway	Raleigh	2			22	1	2	37	66	103	12
Raleigh (1st Ch.)	J. L. White	Raleigh	P. A. Carter	Raleigh	11	4	1	10	1	6	180	325	505	
Wake X Roads	O. L. Stringfield	Wakefield	J. A. Jones	Rolesville			1		9	3	46	77	123	
Stony Hill			L. D. Ray							2	13	13	26	
Rocky Ford	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	A. S. Alford	Franklinton		9					4	5	9	
				Totals	129	89	13	148	48	37	1019	1608	2627	19

Statement of Funds Reported in Churches.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Sunday Schools.	Baptist Orphanage	Home Missions.	Oxford Orphan Asylum.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Amounts.
Youngsville	$ 100 00	$ 37 80	$ 15 00	$ 10 32	$ 15 00	$	$ 25 00	$ 3 30	$	$ 25 85	$ 2 00	$ 234 27
Brassfields	200 00	13 50	10 00	29 27	20 00	.....	50 00	7 21	5 00	1 85	2 50	339 33
Flat Rock	250 00	.....	1 08	3 16	20 09	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 40	3 00	283 73
Franklinton	450 00	30 00	9 76	8 00	26 68	1 90	.....	2 99	.....	.....	3 00	532 35
Perry's Chapel	125 00	3 00	3 35	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	2 75	179 60
Mt. Vernon	150 00	23 85	.....	34 70	15 40	.....	50 03	2 52	.....	.....	1 50	227 97
New Bethel	100 00	.....	.....	5 00	11 10	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	127 10
Bay Leaf	50 00	4 13	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	2 57	.....	.....	1 00	67 60
Woodland	75 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	82 00
Wake Union	100 00	.....	15 00	20 00	25 00	.....	50 00	50	.....	.....	2 00	217 00
Forestville	150 00	8 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	.....	55 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	286 00
Rolesville	150 00	41 05	10 00	20 00	20 00	.....	25 00	2 24	.....	14 00	2 00	284 29
Wake Forest	700 00	57 57	38 55	41 34	152 11	.....	116 86	17 77	.....	44 98	5 00	1,174 18
Hopkins' Chapel	100 00	50	.....	10 00	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	1 50	125 25
Midway	100 00	.....	.....	5 00	7 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 68	1 50	120 43
New Hope	125 00	64 41	17 73	25 00	23 01	.....	31 90	.....	.....	.....	3 00	290 05
Raleigh (First Church)	1,800 00	800 00	288 10	454 55	154 00	.....	.....	39 00	.....	.....	5 00	3,540 65
Wake Cross Roads	150 00	12 50	.....	2 55	6 60	.....	8 86	.....	.....	.....	1 05	181 56
Stony Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Totals	$ 4,875 00	$ 1,093 14	$ 428 57	$698 89	$749 49	$ 1 90	$426 65	$78 10	$ 5 00	$135 26	$45 30	$ 8,224 38

Sabbath School Statistics.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. S. S. papers taken	No. Mos. in Year School kept open.
Youngsville	J. W. Duke	Youngsville	9	100	45	50	60	12
Brassfields	W. R. Walters	Wilton	3	25	15	------	2	6
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	6	91	50	------	43	12
Franklinton	E. F. Eddins	Franklinton	9	85	45	150	58	12
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	13	85	50	140	75	9
Mt. Vernon	E. S. Dunn	Neuse	26	152	67	316	42	12
New Bethel	George W. Ray	Rogers' Store	8	60	30	50	------	6
Bay Leaf	J. A. Bailey	Falls	6	30	20	40	30	9
Woodland	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Wake Union	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Forestville	L. N. Chappell	Forestville	8	36	20	400	51	12
Rolesville	J. H. Mitchell	Rolesville	8	88	50	150	------	12
Wake Forest	W. C. Powell	Wake Forest	13	150	133	225	257	12
Hopkins' Chapel	W. H. Ray	Riley's X Roads	5	50	30	------	------	6
Midway	N. G. Sanderford	Raleigh	6	79	35	300	30	12
New Hope	A. C. Green	Raleigh	10	67	50	142	50	12
Raleigh (First Church)	E. G. Harrell	Raleigh	33	425	325	------	262	12
Wake Cross Roads	------	------	10	60	35	132	------	------
		Totals	173	1,583	1,000	2,095	960	

Wake Forest College.

Faculty:

C. E. TAYLOR, B. Lit. (Univ. of Va.) President and Prof. of Latin.
W. G. SIMMONS, A. M., L.L. D., Professor of Physical Science and Chemistry.
WM. B. ROYALL, A. M., Professor of Greek.
L. R. MILLS, A. M., Professor of Mathematics.
WM. ROYALL, A. M., D. D., Professor of Modern Languages, and *pro tem.* of Moral Philosophy.
W. L. POTEAT, A. B., Professor of Natural History.
E. M. POTEAT, A. B., Assistant Professor of Languages.
L. N. CHAPPELL, A. B., Tutor of Languages and Mathematics.

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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS.

MINISTERS:

Elder	William Royall, D. D	Wake Forest,	N. C.
"	W. B. Royall, D. D	" "	"
"	J. S. Purefoy.....	" "	"
"	Chas. E. Taylor, D. D.....	" "	"
"	R. T. Vann	" "	"
"	C. T. Bailey, D. D	Raleigh,	"
"	C. S. Farriss	"	"
"	O. L. Stringfield	Wakefield,	"
"	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest,	"
"	J. L. White...	Raleigh,	"
"	G. W. Coppedge	Moore's Mills,	"
"	M. R. Pernell.....	Franklinton,	"
"	M. L. Rickman	Wake Forest,	"
"	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton,	"
"	N. S. Jones.....	Rogers' Store,	"
"	Baylus Cade	Franklinton,	"
"	G. W. Manly	Wake Forest,	"
"	F. H. Poston	" "	"
"	J. W. Lynch.....	" "	"
"	J. R. Pace	" "	"

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR:

W. L. Poteat ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

L. N. Chappell..... .....Forestville, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

J. S. Purefoy..... Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

BRASSFIELDS BAPTIST CHURCH,
Tuesday, August 23, 1887.

The Central Baptist Association meets in its Twenty-eighth Annual Session with Brassfields Baptist Church, Granville county, N. C.

In the absence of Rev. Baylus Cade, Rev. W. B. Royall, his alternate, preached the Introductory Sermon from 1st Cor. 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

The Association adjourns for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes with singing, "Oh, for a closer walk with God," is led in prayer by Rev. J. L. White, and is then called to order by Moderator W. L. Poteat.

The roll of churches is called and their letters are read by brethren W. N. Jones and W. B. Royall.

Delegates present during the Association:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Youngsville—J. J. Barrow, John Knight, J. B. Allen, M. D. Holmes, Abram Frazier.

Brassfields—Howard Garner, J. Y. Moss, S. E. Dement, H. D. Mangum, Dr. T. B. Lawrence.

Flat Rock—W. P. Morris, Thos. Levister, Jas. Alford, Perry Wiggins, P. M. Harrison.

Franklinton—N. Y. Gulley, Calvin Pritchard, J. D. Joyner, J. Y. McGhee, W. H. Mitchell.

Perry's Chapel—J. R. Mitchener, T. M. Beavers, A. D. Mitchener, E. C. Bobbitt, R. O. Pernell.

Rocky Ford—J. E. Alford, J. M. Champion, A. S. Alford, R. W. Tate.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Vernon—E. S. Dunn, W. G. Allen.

New Bethel—W. A. Jones.

Bay Leaf—J. P. Ball, J. H. Hutchinson, G. D. Bailey.

Woodland—B. H. Davis, W. A. Barrett, J. S. Mangum, J. W. Davis, A. C. O'Neal.

Stoney Hill—W. M. Jackson, T. N. Ray, L. D. Ray.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Wake Union—J. R. Holland, R. N. Griffin, W. O. Allen, Curtis Hodge, W. D. Bailey.
Wake Forest—W. L. Poteat, W. C. Powell, L. R. Mills, C. E. Brewer, J. P. Pernell.
Forestville—D. W. Allen, W. B. Smith, L. N. Chappell, Dr. A. R. Vann.
Rolesville—W. S. Broughton, T. L. Honeycutt.
Hopkins' Chapel—F. H. Phillips, E. B. Perry, R. C. Hopkins.
Oak Grove—L. W. Dent, James Young, S. S. Hall, A. H. Shearron, W. B. Pearce.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Midway—W. O. Ferrell.
New Hope—
Wake X Roads—
Raleigh First Church—G. M. Allen, W. H. Pace, W. N. Jones.

The election of officers being next in order, the Association elect by ballot: Moderator, Prof. W. L. Poteat; Clerk and Treasurer, L. N. Chappell; Historian, Rev. J. S. Purefoy.

It is moved that State Missions be the special order of business for to-morrow morning 10:45.

Oak Grove Baptist Church presents her letter, requesting admission into the Association, which is read.

On motion, the letter is referred to a committee of brethren: J. S. Purefoy, W. B. Royall and J. L. White.

Visiting brethren: Bro. C. W. Scarborough, of the Chowan Association and Chowan Baptist Female Institute; brethren R. Poston and F. H. Poston, of King's Mountain Association; Bro. J. E. Ray, Agent of Baptist State Convention for State Missions; Bro. Bailey, of Mt. Zion Association; brethren J. R. Pace and W. J. Ferrell, of Raleigh Association. These brethren were most cordially invited to seats among us by the Moderator.

It is moved that Ministerial Education be the special order of business for to-morrow immediately after dinner.

It is further moved that the following schedule of hours be adopted: Morning sessions convene at 9:30 and adjourn at 12; afternoon sessions convene at 1:30 and adjourn at will.

It is moved that the Moderator appoint committees on the different objects claiming the attention of the Association in the following order: Religious Exercises, Finance, Periodicals, Place and Preachers for next Association, State Missions, Education, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Home Missions, Baptist Orphanage and Executive Board.

It is moved that the Association be re-divided into dis-

tricts, and that the Moderator appoint a committee to this work.

Committee: B. H. Davis, L. R. Mills, N. Y. Gulley.

Moderator appoints the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Brassfields church.
Finance—W. N. Jones, A. R. Vann and W. H. Mitchell.
Periodicals—N. Y. Gulley, J. L. White and Henry Morse.
State Missions—W. H. Pace, J. E. Ray and F. H. Poston.
Education—L. R. Mills, C. W. Scarborough and R. T. Vann.
Foreign Missions—L. N. Chappell, W. A. Barrett and J. R. Pace.
Sunday Schools—J. J. Barrow, W. J. Ferrell and A. D. Mitchener.
Home Missions—W. B. Royall, W. B. Smith and T. B. Lawrence.
Baptist Orphanage—N. E. Cannady, J. D. Huf ham and C. E. Brewer.
Executive Board—W. B. Royall, J. S. Purefoy and W. H. Pace.

Report of the Historian is read:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

We would return thanks to our heavenly Father for the spiritual and temporal blessings of the past Associational year. No pestilential epidemics have invaded our borders, the crops of all kinds are promising, we have, compared with some other sections, been wonderfully blessed. The earthquake that occurred on the 31st day of August, 1886, which shook our houses, agitated our people and greatly damaged Charleston, S. C., and vicinity, did but slight damage with us, only shaking of the tops of a few chimneys in the city of Raleigh.

We would record the death of four of our most useful and worthy, aged sisters of our Association, they were indeed mothers in Israel. Sister Frances W. Thompson, daughter of deacon William Crenshaw, deceased, and wife of deacon George W. Thompson, all of Wake Union church, was born March 9th, 1808, and died, in the faith of the gospel, December 4th, 1886, aged 78 years.

Sister Isabella A. Wingate, mother of Dr. W. M. Wingate, a member of Wake Forest church, was born in Darlington county, S. C., Sept. 21st, 1805, and died, full of good works and faith, on April 8th, 1887, aged 82 years.

Sister India F. Purefoy, daughter of deacon William Watson, was born in Warren county, August 2d, 1819, was married to Rev. Nicholas A. Purefoy, October 15th, 1850, and died April 11th, 1887, aged 68 years. She was a good wife, a good, benevolent, kind christian sister and has gone to receive her reward. She was a member of Wake Forest church.

Near Youngsville, on July 4th, 1887, sister Priscilla C. Harris, widow of Bro. James Harris, of Franklin county, in the 74th year of her age. Sister Harris was a member of Flat Rock church. She was truly a mother in Israel—her generosity and christian charity was proverbial and will be long remembered by her church and neighbors.

October 6th, 1886, Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., was ordained at Wake Forest College. Presbytery Elders C. E. Taylor, R. T. Vann, Wm. Royall, W. B. Royall, G. W. Manly, J. S. Purefoy and F. H. Poston. Sermon by R. T. Vann, prayer by C. E. Taylor, charge by Wm. Royall, welcome by G. W. Manly, benediction by the candidate. The ordination was at the request of the Goldsboro church of which he was pastor.

August 29th, 1886, Rev. C. H. Martin, a member of Youngsville church, was ordained at the Union Meeting in Rolesville. Presbytery Elders R. T. Vann, W. Royall, W. B. Royall, Jas. S. Purefoy and M. L. Rickman. Sermon, R. T. Vann; prayer, W. Royall; charge, J. S. Purefoy; welcome, W. B. Royall.

October 31st, 1886, Rev. J. R. Pace was ordained pastor of Oak Grove church at Rolesville. Presbytery, Elders W. Royall, W. B. Royall, M. L. Rickman. Sermon by W. Royall, charge by W. B. Royall, prayer by N. P. Stalling.

We wish we could give a more encouraging statistical table. We number twenty churches and 2,627 members. Last year's report shows a loss of 125 members since the report of 1885. Are we not failing to do our duty some where and some how. Added to the churches by baptism since the last Association 187.

Wake Forest College reports in the last catalogue 200 students of whom 45 were ministers, 36 being benificiaries. We are pleased to state that the College has a full, competent and laborious faculty, and is well worthy of the patronage of the public.

The chemical laboratory, a beautiful building will probably be completed by October. The grounds of the College campus have been greatly improved and beautified. Many beautiful flowers smile greetingly to the passer by, and more than a hundred magnolias have been planted. We are greatly indebted to President C. E. Taylor for this improvement.

We give this year a history of Rolesville church: Bro. William Roles was a merchant and large cotton-buyer at this place. The village was named for him and the church named for the village.

December 26th, 1834, a presbytery, consisting of Elders Samuel Wait, Amos J. Battle and John Armstrong, met in the village of Rolesville and constituted this church with twenty-two members all presenting letters of dismission from Cross Roads church, headed by the names of Wm. Roles and Reuben Mitchell, deacons, from Cross Roads church. The sermon was preached by Rev. John Armstrong, prayer and the right hand of fellowship by Rev. S. Wait; charge to the church by Rev. J. Armstrong. Brethren William Roles and Reuben Mitchell were elected deacons for this church.

A constitution, consisting of thirty articles, was adopted, in 1882 six more articles were added, making in all thirty-six. The 31st is as follows: "Each member in uniting with this church is by that act considered responsible for a just proportion of the necessary expenses of this church in order that the burdens may be equal."

May 3d, 1835, Rev. Thomas Crocker was chosen the first pastor who served two years. The following were the subsequent pastors: Samuel Wait for 1838 and 1839; Rev. W. A. Atkinson was ordained in May, 1838, and was elected pastor February, 1840, and served the church 1840, '41 and '42; Rev. W. T. Brooks, a professor in Wake Forest College, served 1843; Rev. Malthus D. Freeman, 1844–'45 and '46; Rev. Solomon G. Obryan, 1847 and '48; Rev. W. A. Atkinson, 1849 and '50; Rev. P. W. Wood, 1851, he served 13 years, including 1863; Rev. W. T. Walters, 1864; Rev. J. A. Stradley, 1865 and '66; Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, part of 1867; Rev. T. W. Young elected but declined. The balance of the year 1867 was irregularly supplied by Elders W. M. Wingate and Jesse Wheeler. May 17th, 1868, Bro. Jesse Wheeler was ordained by Elders W. M. Wingate, W. Royall and F. H. Ivey, and elected pastor and served until October of the same year, when Rev. W. Royall became pastor and served 1869 and '70; Rev. J. L. Carroll was elected for 1871 but only served a few months and resigned to accept a pastorate at Warrenton, Va.; Rev. C. E. Taylor, a professor in Wake Forest College, was called to the pastorate May, 1871, and served the remainder of the year. In January, 1872, Rev. A. F. Purefoy became pastor and served the church five years through 1876; Rev. Amos Weaver served 1877; Rev. J. R. Jones for 1878; Rev. L. C. Brickhouse served 1879 and '80; Rev. C. A. Jenkens served 1881 and '82; Dr. Wm. Royall, 1883 and '84; Rev. W. B. Royall was elected for 1885, and is still serving the church in 1887. Among the visiting ministers who preached occasionally for this church were—W. W. Childers, H. S. Spivey, —— Brown, J. S. Purefoy, Mathew T. Yates, Mathew S. Williams, M. G. Todd, C. M. Seawell, F. R. Underwood, J. L. White, J. H. Booth, J. K. Howell, J. R.

Pernell, J. M. Davis, W. T. Lewellen, M. V. McDuffie, N. A. Purefoy, —— Wescott and D. M. Austin,

William Roles was the first clerk and held that position six years until 1840, when John L. Terrell was appointed and held the office twenty-one years to 1861, when Joseph Fowler was appointed and held the office to 1866, when John L. Terrell was re-appointed and held over until 1869, Reding Jones was the next clerk until 1874, when W. A. Haigwood was clerk for 1875, when R. A. Freeman served one year, J. R. Broughton was appointed in 1876 and holds office until now—1887.

John L. Terrell was ordained deacon in 1836 by Elders Thomas Crocker and Nicholas A. Pnrefoy. On Sunday, May 4th, 1843; Adison D. Ellis and Solomon Walker were ordained deacons by Elders Thos. Crocker, Wiley A. Atkinson and W. T. Brooks. Brethren N. R. Watkins and James C. Lea were in May, 1869, ordained deacons by Elders Wm. Royall and Jesse Wheeler. J. T. Haigwood was appointed deacon in 1877. In 1887 Bro. S. R. Braswell was received from Oak Grove church where he was a deacon, and was elected a deacon of this church.

During the fifty-three years of the existence of this church there were forty-nine cases of discipline for drunkenness; four for selling liquors; one for not paying his just debts; two for dancing. Three persons were rebaptized, because they thought they were not true converts at their first baptism. In July, 1868, a day was observed by fasting and prayer for rain.

In January, 1866, the following is recorded: "Whereas we believe the stilling of grain to make money to be morally wrong. Therefore resolved that we, as a church, will withdraw fellowship from any member, who stills for himself or another or employs another to still for him, unless he desist."

In 1878 the church contracted with Jacob S. Allen to build the present church house for $1,250—the house was completed and received in February, 1879. July, 1875, a parcel of land was bought of S. W. Terrell for $90—to enlarge the church lot.

In April, 1872, a special prayer-meeting was held for the absenting members of the church.

In 1865 a letter of dismission was obtained from the Raleigh Association and this church joined the Central Association.

This church has been very prosperous, from 22 members in 1834, it has increased to 232 members in 1886. The additions by baptism in 43 years has been 435 members. It has enjoyed many precious revivals, in 1840 there were 40 baptisms; in 1843, 26; in 1846, 10; in 1851, 51; in 1855, 66; in 1866, 68; in 1872, 37; in 1873, 13; in 1879, 35; in 1882, 15; in 1885, 10, besides many smaller additions at other times.

In 1867 there were 64 colored members, in 1868 they withdrew and formed a church in the village, which is prospering. The Rolesville church has had much of their preaching by the faculty and ministerial students from Wake Forest College. Rev. P. W. Dowd, for some years, made them a very efficient and successful pastor. Perhaps no church belonging to this Association has been more prosperous or more prompt to pay their pastors, and contribute to the various objects of benevolence.

This Association was last year divided into two Union Meetings, which have been well attended. The discussions of the various subjects have been interesting and profitable.

The last Association according to Article 9, of the Constitution, appointed an executive board, who should have charge of the work of colportage within our bounds whose report may give us some interesting information.

JAMES S. PUREFOY, *Historian.*

The report is adopted.

Bro. Hufham presents himself to the Associating, representing the Baptist Orphanage, Greenville church and *Biblical Recorder.*

On motion, the Association adjourns, with prayer by Bro. C. W. Scarborough.

BRASSFIELDS CHURCH, August 24th, 1887.

Morning session. Association convenes with religious exercises conducted by Bro. J. D. Hufham. Moderator calls the Association to order. The roll of delegates is called and the minutes of the sessions of the preceding day are read.

The minutes are amended by a motion that only delegates present during the sessions of the Association be reported in the minutes. The committee on the petition of Oak Grove church for admission into the Association report, heartily commending the church to the Association.

The church is received, and the Moderator extends greeting to her delegates.

The report on Periodicals is read:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

To the minds of your committee two questions present themselves: What would the Baptists of North Carolina have accomplished without the *Biblical Recorder?* What would the Baptists of North Carolina do in the future without the aid of the *Recorder?* Without attempting to answer these questions we would simply say that without the services of our church organ in the past or with its future usefulness crippled for want of proper support Baptist history in North Carolina would suffer ruinous consequences. Therefore, your committee recommend that each church in this Association appoint one of its most efficient members to look after the interests of the *Recorder* among its members, and that strenuous efforts be made to secure a subscription from every family in each church.

Your committee would also recommend the general use of the Sunday school papers published by the American Baptist Publication Society. Much good will be accomplished by the systematic study of the Bible secured by the use of these International Lesson papers. The *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words* should have our support not only by endorsements in our public meetings, but something more substantial in the shape of dollars and cents.

We also commend the orphanage journal, *Charity and Children*, published at one dollar a year, Thomasville, N. C.

N. Y. GULLEY,
J. L. WHITE,
Committee.

The report is discussed by N. Y. Gulley and J. D. Hufham. Adopted.

On motion, the report on State Missions is read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The success which has attended the labors of God's servants in our State Mission work is really wonderful. From the organization of the Baptist State

Convention until now, the most gratifying results have been following the efforts put forth in this cause. The missionaries of the State Board have, first and last, gone into every county in the State, and almost every neighborhood has reaped the blessings which God has bestowed in answer to their prayers. In fact, a large majority of the thirteen hundred white Baptist churches in North Carolina are the outgrowth, directly and indirectly, of the labors of the missionaries of this Board.

During the early history of the Convention, when our members and means were small, the number of missionaries sent out was also small. But these godly men, with their souls on fire with the love of God, and a burning zeal for the salvation of immortal beings traversed every section of our commonwealth, sowing the seeds of truth which have sprung up upon a thousand fields and caused thousands of new-born souls to rejoice in a Saviour's love.

And the interest has grown, and deepened, and widened, until this year the Board has sent out eighty-one missionaries. More than at any time in the history of the Convention. Larger results, too, are following, and God is still more setting his seal of approval upon the efforts of his servants,

Let us rally to the support of this Board and hold up its hands in its efforts to extend our Master's kingdom, in our own State.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PACE,
J. E. RAY,
F. H. POSTON,
Committee.

The report is discussed by brethren J. E. Ray, W. H. Pace and J. D. Hufham.

The time for adjournment having arrived, it is moved that the time be extended until the discussion is finished. It is resolved that we will endeavor to raise one thousand dollars by the first of November, 1887, and that we, the delegates present, pledge our individual effort to accomplish this result. Pending the discussion the following amounts are promised for this object:

Youngsville church	$ 20 00	Wake X Roads	$ 20 00
Brassfields "	25 00	Stoney Hill	5 00
Flat Rock "	10 00	Rocky Ford	5 00
Franklinton " by N. Y. Gulley	40 00	Oak Grove	5 00
Perry's Chapel Church	20 00	Mrs. Dr. A. R. Vann	5 00
Mount Vernon "	40 00	W. O. Allen	5 00
New Bethel " by W. A. Jones	15 00	C. W. Scarborough	5 00
Bay Leaf church	15 00	G. L. Allen	5 00
Woodland "	10 00	W. J. Alford	5 00
Wake Union "	26 00	George Wall	5 00
Forestville "	25 00	Ladies' Missionary Society of Brassfields	5 00
Rolesville "	30 00	Ladies' Missionary Society of Mount Vernon	10 00
Wake Forest "	100 00	Sunday School of Wake Forest	5 00
Hopkins' Chapel	10 00		
Midway	10 00		
New Hope	25 00	Total	$1,006 00
First Church, Raleigh	500 00		

Bro. Hobgood presents himself to the Association as representative of the Oxford Female Seminary.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convenes with singing, "I need thee every hour," and is lead in prayer by Bro. W. B. Wingate.

Moderator calls the Association to order.

It is moved that the special order of business for the hour, viz.: Education, be postponed for the further consideration of State Missions. Report on State Missions is adopted.

Report on Education is read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

During the past session, the Board of Education aided thirty-six young men thought to be called of God to the work of the Gospel ministry and approved by the churches. There is a constant demand for a larger work on the part of the Board. We have received for the coming session of the College twenty-four beneficiaries. About twenty others have applied for aid, but owing to meagre contributions on the part of the churches, the Board has not thought it prudent to receive them. In order that we may learn more of the character of the young men who apply for aid and thus make fewer mistakes, the Board proposes to put into the field after the first of next January the wisest and most prudent man we can secure. It is hoped also, that through this agency, the contributions from the churches will be greatly increased.

The cause of general education, we are glad to state, is exciting a rapidly growing interest among our people. As parents and as Baptist we cannot afford to be surpassed by the world or any of the Christian denominations. The parent who does not educate his child, deprives him of an element of success; the denomination which fails to educate invites extinction. We believe that Baptists should patronize their own schools. We commend the various high schools and colleges for males and females in our State under Baptist control.

R. T. VANN,
L. R. MILLS,
Committee.

Discussed by brethren L. R. Mills, J. E. Ray, J. D. Hufham, W. B. Wingate, J. L. White and R. T. Vann.

Pending the discussion, the following amounts were promised, payable by the first of November, 1887:

Dr. A. R. Vann	$ 5 00	Youngsville	$ 2 50
J. S. Purefoy	5 00	Franklinton	5 00
Mount Vernon	10 00	Rolesville	5 00
First Church, Raleigh	50 00	W. O. Allen	2 50
Brassfields	10 00		
D. W. Allen	5 00	Total	$100 00

It is moved that the Moderator appoint a committee of one member from each church to represent the Education Board in their churches:

Youngsville	J. S. Timberlake	Youngsville,	N. C.
Brassfields	Henry Morse	Wilton,	"
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville,	"
Franklinton	N. Y. Gulley	Franklinton,	"
Perry's Chapel	T. M. Beavers	Franklinton,	"
Mount Vernon	Mrs. M. A. Belcher	Raleigh,	"
New Bethel	W. A. Jones	Rogers' Store,	"
Bay Leaf	Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Store,	"
Woodland	S. M. Little	Pernell,	"
Wake Union	J. S. Purefoy	Wake Forest,	"
Forestville	Mrs. J. C. Leigh	Forestville,	"
Rolesville	Dr. M. L. Fowler	Rolesville,	"
Wake Forest	Mrs. A. R. Vann	Wake Forest,	"
Hopkins' Chapel	W. K. Phillips	Riley's X Roads,	"
Midway	J. A. Harp	Raleigh,	"
New Hope	Mrs. J. D. Buffaloe	Raleigh,	"
Raleigh	W. N. Jones	Raleigh,	"
Wake X Roads	Miss Lena O'Neal	Rolesville,	"
Oak Grove	J. B. Saintsing	Wake Forest,	"
Stoney Hill	W. M. Jackson	New Light,	"
Rocky Ford	I. H. Hight	Kittrells,	"

Report on Education is adopted.

The committee to recommend place and preachers for next Association select Wake Union as the place and Rev. J. L. White to preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. R. T. Vann as his alternate.

The report is adopted.

The report on Baptist Orphanage is read. It is moved that this report be the special order of business for to-morrow at 10:30 A. M.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency which has been prevailing throughout the State, the friends of the fatherless have contributed about six thousand dollars during the year for the support of the orphanage. This amount has enabled the General Manager to meet all the ordinary expenses of the institution, and also to supply some of its extra extraordinary needs. A beautifnl and comfortable chapel has been erected, in which the children gather in Sunday school and for worship; and other improvements. The closest economy has been required, and sometimes the General Manager has been reduced to straits, but he has gone through the year without debt. There have been seventy orphans in the institution since its opening. Fifty-eight are still there. The number could be greatly increased if the means were furnished. Only one case of sickness, requiring the attendance of a physician, has occurred during the year. All this calls for thankfulness and joy.

During the coming year it is important that some improvements should be made. It has been found necessary to establish a weekly newspaper as the channel of communication between the institution and the churches. It is called *Charity and Children*, and is published at one dollar a year. It is important that a printing outfit be secured so that the work of publishing may be done at the orphanage.

A house for the General Manager should be built. It is desirable also to establish a home or aged and indigent ministers. Thirteen hundred dollars are still due on one of the tracts of land purchased for the orphanage. This debt should be paid at once.

It is estimated that ten thousand dollars will be required to carry the institution through the year.

We commend it to the prayers, the sympathies and the liberality of the churches.

N. E. CANNADY,
C. E. BREWER,
Committee.

The letter from Mt. Vernon church is read. Report of Finance Committee is read.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee make the following as their report:

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Stoney Hill	$ 1 00	$	$	$	$	$
Mt. Vernon	2 00					
Wake Union	2 00					
Perry's Chapel	2 00					
Woodland	2 00	5 00	4 00	5 00		
Brassfields	2 00					
Franklinton	3 00					
Hopkins' Chapel	1 00					6 25
New Hope	2 50					
Youngsville	1 60					
New Bethel	3 00					
Bay Leaf	1 00	5 00		5 00	61	4 00
Flat Rock	3 00					
Wake Forest	5 00					
Wake X Roads	99				4 00	
Rolesville	1 40					
Forestville	2 50					
Midway	1 50					
Raleigh	5 00					
Rocky Ford	1 50					
Stoney Hill	1 00					
Oak Grove	1 00					
	$ 45 99	$ 10 00	$ 4 00	$ 10 00	$ 4 61	$ 10 25

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. JONES,
A. R. VANN,
W. H. MITCHELL,
Committee.

The committee appointed to redistrict the Association report:

First District—Youngsville, Brassfields, Flat Rock, Franklinton, Perry's Chapel, Rocky Ford.

Second District—Mt. Vernon, New Bethel, Bay Leaf, Woodland, Stoney Hill.

Third District—Wake Union, Wake Forest, Forestville, Rolesville, Hopkins' Chapel, Oak Grove.
Fourth District—Midway, New Hope, Wake X Roads, Raleigh 1st Church.

This report is adopted. Adjournment.

BRASSFIELDS CHURCH, August 25th, 1887.

Morning session. The Association convenes with religious exercises conducted by Bro. J. L. White. Moderator calls the Association to order. Proceedings of yesterday's meetings are read and approved, and the roll of delegates present during the sessions of the Association are recorded. It is moved that Foreign Missions be the special order of business for the hour immediately after dinner. It is moved that Home Missions be the special order of business for this morning at 11:30.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage is discussed by Bro. Hufham.

Pending the discussion, a hat collection is taken for this object, amounting to $22.79. The report is adopted.

The report on Home Missions is read;

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board among the Indians is progressing hopefully. The policy of the Board is to develop the churches as they are established by throwing upon them the burden of their own support, and this policy is working well.

The work of this Board in Cuba, if expenditure of means and time be considered, has hardly been surpassed in the history of modern missions. In December, 1885, Bro. Alberto J. Diaz was ordained to the work of the ministry at the request of the Baptist church in Key West, of which he was a member. In January, 1886, a church was constituted in Havana. In addition to that church, now numbering over 300 members, two others have been constituted. Bro. Diaz has baptized 168 believers in the course of a few months of the present year, and there are now some six men preparing to preach the Gospel. The whole island is opened to the gospel through this mission, and thousands are waiting to renounce their superstition and embrace the truth as it is in Jesus.

Other departments of work entrusted to this Board are of sufficient importance to enlist our hearty co-operation.

There has been some increase in the contributions made by the churches to the Board during the past year. We hope that during the year that is before us larger amounts will be given and amounts more nearly proportioned to the magnitude of the work the Board is doing.

W. B. ROYALL,
W. B. SMITH,
T. B. LAWRENCE,
Committee.

The report is discussed by brethren W. B. Royall, J. L. White and J. D. Hufham.

A letter from Bro. A. G. McManaway is read:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 15th, 1887.

To the Central Baptist Association—Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina, I beg leave to make of your body the following requests:

(1) That at some convenient and opportune time you will have called the roll on page 14 of your last minutes, and allow the representatives of our Board to respond in person or by proxy by reporting what they have attempted, and what accomplished for the Board during the past year.

(2) That you will correct said roll by substituting wherever death, removal, refusal to serve, or anything else has rendered substitution necessary, and publish the corrected roll in your next minutes.

(3) That you will appoint a judicious committee to ascertain the amount the Association should attempt to raise for Home Missions, and to suggest what part of that amount should be raised by each church in the Association, and publish these amounts opposite the names of our representatives in the respective churches. I would not have these amounts considered as assessed, or pledged, or promised, but simply as suggestions to our representatives as to what this committee thinks they should attempt.

I respectfully and modestly submit that the seventy-eight dollars reported last year and the ninety-four dollars reported so far for this year for Home Missions are amounts disproportionate to the ability of the Association. Should we not give at least one-third as much to evangelize our own Southernland as we give to evangelize the people of other nations? But I leave the amount to be suggested by the committee.

Hoping that it may be your good pleasure to adopt my suggestions and comply with my requests, and praying that you may have a successful and profitable session, I am, yours fraternally, A. G. MCMANAWAY.

It is moved that the same committee that was appointed last year for the several churches of the Association be reappointed in the interest of the Home Mission Board, with such changes as may be necessary to be made by the Clerk of the Association. The Revised Committee:

Youngsville	J. A. Winston	Youngsville,	N. C.
Brassfields	Dr. T. B. Lawrence	Wilton,	"
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville,	"
Franklinton	N. Y. Gulley	Franklinton,	"
Perry's Chapel	T. H. Griffin	Louisburg,	"
Mt. Vernon	J. D. Allen	Falls,	"
New Bethel	J. D. Edwards	Wake Forest,	"
Bay Leaf	A. Y. Bailey	Hutchinson's Store,	"
Woodland	George W. Smith	Pernell's,	"
Wake Union	J. H. Watkins	Pernell's,	"
Forestville	D. W. Allen	Forestville,	"
Rolesville	Dr. M. L. Fowler	Rolesville,	"
Wake Forest	Prof. W. L. Poteat	Wake Forest,	"
Hopkins' Chapel	J. H. Ray	Wakefield,	"
New Hope	B. B. Buffaloe	Raleigh,	"
First Church, Raleigh	Robert Williamson	Raleigh,	"
Wake X Roads	W. G. O'Neal	Neuse,	"
Stoney Hill	J. H. Dew	New Light,	"
Rocky Ford	W. B. Tate	Franklinton,	"
Oak Grove	J. B. Saintsing	Wake Forest,	"

Further discussion on this subject is made by brethren W. O. Allen and J. A. Watkins.

It is moved that the churches be requested to raise one-third as much for Home Missions as for Foreign Missions during the ensuing year. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convenes with singing, "Nearer my God to thee," and prayer by Bro. J. S. Purefoy.

It is moved that the same Executive Board that served last year, be reappointed, viz:

W. L. Poteat, P. A. Dunn, W. B. Smith, B. B. Buffaloe and J. N. Holding.

The report on Foreign Missions is read:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Macedonian cry to christian people was never more urgent, nor more unmistakeable in setting forth the needs of Christian teaching and preaching to nearly a thousand and a half of millions souls without a knowledge of Christ. Of the eight hundred and fifty-six millions in the gross darkness of heathenism, it is estimated that only about two millions have as yet come within the reach of the Gospel. To these the Mohammedans, if added, would make the enormous number of over a thousand millions souls, with a death rate of 30,000,000 a year, increasing two millions each year. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." The whole force now employed by the Board of Foreign Missions for the Southern Baptist Convention, are twenty-eight ministers, thirty ladies and fifty-five native assistants; but "what are these among so many." The appeal becomes more distinct in the change of attitude of people in the East, especially in China, towards our missionaries;—once their homes were almost inaccessible; now God's servants are being heartily received into social relations with them in many parts, and the disinterested and magnanimous motive of these men of God, in gaining the confidence and esteem of even the pagan heart. The door there is now being thrown wide open.

Moreover, men are not wanting who are willing and anxious to answer this appeal to us for the "Bread of Life." They can be counted by the hundreds who have made, or expect to make application to our Boards for the needed assistance and support on the field. The question comes to us, what will we do with these appeals from perishing souls? What will we say to the brethren who say, "Here am I, send me"? What will we do with the Master's command, "Give ye them to eat"? The reports of our missionaries from all quarters are encouraging. Mexico is holding out her arms to Christ. The world is ripe for the sickle. Some features in the work at home for the support of our brethren in the field are well worthy of notice. Notably is that of the Ladies' Missionary Societies which are now being established in all the churches. The report of the Central Committee at our last State Convention showed that over a thousand dollars had been raised for the year then closing. This work has grown and is growing. This is to be the age of Missions. Will we come shoulder to shoulder with our brethren in the conflict? One thousand and seventy-nine ordained American missionaries, are assailing the strong holds of heathenism.

Three questions knock continually at the doors of our hearts:

1st. Do we love our Lord, and does His love constrain us to obey His command to disciple all nations?

2nd. Do we have the Christian sympathy for the perishing millions, which our love to Christ and their condition warrant?

3rd. Can we not largely increase our contributions to this object for the ensuing year?

L. N. CHAPPELL,
W. A. BARRETT,
J. R. PACE,
Committee.

After being discussed by brethren J. D. Hufham, R. T. Vann and J. S. Purefoy, the report is adopted.

It is moved that W. B. Royall, with the Moderator and Clerk be appointed to revise the apportionment of contributions of the churches to Foreign Missions.

Apportionment for Foreign Missions:

Youngsville	$ 15 00	Hopkins' Chapel	$ 15 00
Raleigh First Church	250 00	New Bethel	15 00
Wake Forest	100 00	Rolesville	20 00
Forestville	30 00	Woodland	10 00
Franklinton	25 00	Midway	5 00
Mt. Vernon	25 00	Perry's Chapel	10 00
Brassfields	20 00	Bay Leaf	5 00
Flat Rock	25 00	Stoney Hill	5 00
Wake Union	20 00	Rocky Ford	5 00
New Hope	20 00	Oak Grove	5 00
Wake X Roads	25 00		

The report of the Executive Board is read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.

No report has been made by the Executive Board of the Association, and no information comes to us through the letters touching the colportage work and the tract distribution done by the churches, except that one thousand pages of tracts have been distributed by the Stony Hill church. Informally we learn also that something has been done on this line by several other churches.

We recommend that this Association urge the Baptist State Convention to take steps to organize a regular system of colportage.

W. B. ROYALL,
J. S. PUREFOY,
W. H. PACE,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

It is moved that we request the churches of the Association to raise as much for the Baptist Orphanage as for Foreign Missions.

It is moved that brethren N. Y. Gulley, J. H. Hutchinson and W. A. Barrett be appointed delegates of the Association to the Baptist State Convention.

The report on Sunday Schools is read:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

That knowledge is power, is true in the highest sense when it is a knowledge of God's truth. To men "mighty in the scriptures" though weak in secular knowledge is due much of the strength of our denomination.

We hail as a cause of much rejoicing the action of most of our churches in enlisting their membership and youth of the country in the Sunday school work, for the study of the Scriptures.

Ignorance and prejudice are the greatest obstacles in the way of church progress and individual growth in grace. A true knowledge of the Bible will remove these, therefore every church should have a live, active Sunday school. Pastors and deacons should use their strongest efforts to that end.

We heartily endorse the action of the last State Convention in its efforts to bring about a revival and greater efficiency of the Sunday school work throughout the State.

The Sunday School Board justly expects our hearty co-operation, so that at our next Association there shall not be a single church without an active Sunday school earnestly engaged in searching the scriptures. The Sunday School Supply Store at Raleigh will furnish outfits to schools at the cheapest rates.

J. J. BARROW,
W. J. FERRELL,
A. D. MITCHENER,
Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools is adopted.

It is moved that seven hundred copies of the minutes of the Association be printed, and that the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

It is moved that a vote of thanks be tendered by the Association to the members of this church and the community for the marked hospitality shown her delegates and visitors.

The Association adjourns with prayer by Rev. J. D. Hufham, to meet with Wake Union Baptist church, on the 4th Tuesday in August, 1888.

W. L. POTEAT,
Moderator.

L. N. CHAPPELL, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Finance Committee			for	Minute Fund	$ 45 99
"	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	10 25
"	"	"	"	Education	10 00
"	"	"	"	Baptist Orphanage	4 00
"	"	"	"	State Missions	10 00
"	"	"	"	Home Missions	4 61
"	"	"	"	Baptist Orphanage (hat collect'n,)	22 79
"	"	"	"	Ladies' Mission'y Society of Brassfields Church for Foreign Miss.,	4 09
Total receipts					$111 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer of Baptist Ssate Convention:	
For Foreign Missions	$ 14 34
" Education	10 00
" Baptist Orphanage	4 00
" State Missions	10 00
" Home Missions	4 61
Paid J. D. Hufham, Agent for Baptist Orphanage	22 79
" *Biblical Recorder* for printing Minutes	30 99
" Clerk for Services	15 00
Total disbursements	$111 73

L. N. CHAPPELL, *Treasurer.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association, *ex-officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annnally by ballot, a plurality of vote sconstituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion, without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Youngsville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. A. Winston	Youngsville		5		2	1	1	54	58	112	
Brassfields	M. L. Rickman	Wake Forest	W. R. Walters	Wilton	1	1		6	2	4	43	68	111	
Flat Rock	F. H. Poston	Wake Forest	J. A. Clifton	Royal	21	4		14	3	5	84	172	259	3
Franklinton	Baylus Cade	Louisburg	J. D. Joyner	Franklinton	8	1	2	7			44	45	89	
Perry's Chapel	J. W. Lynch	Wake Forest	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton				4			40	57	101	4
Mt. Vernon	O. L. Stringfield	Wakefield	J. D. Allen	Falls	23	6	2	9	4	1	55	100	155	
New Bethel	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest	W. A. Jones	Rogers' Store	7	2	2		2		53	79	132	
Bay Leaf	N. S. Jones	Rogers' Store	E. S. Piper	Hutchins'n's Store	8	11	1	1		1	19	26	45	
Woodland	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton	S. N. Little	Pernell	2	1		3	4	1	48	70	118	
Wake Union	G. W. Manly	Wake Forest	W. O. Allen	Falls	3	4			1	2	16	33	49	
Forestville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	L. Chappell	Forestville		1		4			19	37	56	
Rolesville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. R. Broughton	Rolesville	26	13	2	26	3	4	75	112	187	
Wake Forest	R. T. Vann	Wake Forest	W. L. Poteat	Wake Forest	14	18	3	19	1	3	109	102	211	
Hopkins' Chapel	G. W. Coppedge	Moore's Mill	J. H. Ray	Riley's X Roads	16	3	1	2	3	2	69	100	169	
Midway	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest	E. C. Beddinfield	Raleigh		2				1	27	46	73	
New Hope	J. W. Lynch	Wake Forest	F. J. Holloway	Raleigh			1	11	1	1	34	58	102	10
Raleigh 1st Ch	J. L. White	Raleigh	P. A. Carter	Raleigh	25	13	1	9	1	6	186	340	526	
Wake X Roads	G. W. Coppedge	Moore's Mill	J. A. Jones	Rolesville	3	1		14	3	1	40	67	107	
Stoney Hill	J. S. Purefoy	Wake Forest	W. M. Jackson	New Light		2					15	13	28	
Rocky Ford	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	A. S. Alford	Kittrell	11	20					15	23	38	
Oak Grove	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	James Young	Wake Forest	15	8			1	1	26	27	53	
					183	116	15	141	30	34	1081	1633	2721	17

Statement of Funds Reported in the Churches.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Baptist Orphan'ge.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total Amounts.
Youngsville	$ 100 00	$ 14 60	$ 4 48	$ 6 98	$ 15 00	$ -------	$ 4 20	$ 2 52	$ 20 00	$ 1 60	$ 169 35
Brassfields	200 00	207 00	6 18	15 03	23 75	-------	-------	2 93	6 13	-------	461 02
Flat Rock	125 00	1 24	-------	-------	7 64	-------	-------	1 09	6 85	3 00	144 82
Franklinton	400 00	35 41	3 80	4 63	16 70	2 97	17 98	12 77	77 18	3 00	574 48
Perry's Chapel	125 00	32 50	1 65	8 22	10 00	-------	-------	6 00	20 00	2 00	205 37
Mt. Vernon	150 00	6 00	-------	38 07	25 00	-------	-------	10 00	11 38	2 00	242 45
New Bethel	125 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	3 00	128 00
Bay Leaf	75 00	1 50	5 00	5 00	4 10	-------	14 00	61	-------	1 00	96 11
Woodland	-------	-------	5 00	5 00	-------	1 30	4 00	-------	-------	2 00	17 30
Wake Union	100 00	16 08	15 00	15 00	20 00	-------	-------	2 60	20 40	2 00	191 08
Forestville	150 00	9 50	5 00	26 00	40 00	17 93	20 00	-------	17 90	2 50	288 83
Rolesville	150 00	20 00	1 25	20 00	23 50	-------	-------	14 66	14 17	1 40	244 98
Wake Forest	700 00	176 50	52 30	75 00	166 94	-------	31 25	24 08	318 05	5 00	1549 12
Hopkins' Chapel	100 00	7 50	-------	10 00	6 25	-------	-------	-------	10 00	1 00	134 75
Midway	100 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	1 50	101 50
Raleigh, First Church	1740 00	735 00	267 50	561 93	303 20	-------	108 00	28 87	495 00	5 00	4093 50
New Hope	125 00	20 78	3 93	1 05	20 00	-------	-------	-------	13 23	2 50	186 49
Wake Cross Roads	100 00	15 00	-------	4 07	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	99	119 97
Stoney Hill	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	1 00	1 00
Rocky Ford	50 00	500 00	-------	1 00	-------	-------	-------	-------	5 00	1 50	557 50
Oak Grove	-------	1 50	-------	-------	1 17	-------	65	-------	68	1 00	5 00
Totals	$4615 00	$1800 11	$ 371 09	$ 796 98	$ 685 29	$ 22 20	$ 200 08	$ 106 13	$1035 97	$ 45 99	$9512 62

Sunday School Statistics.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. of S. S. papers taken.	No. of months in the year school open.
Youngsville	J. J. Barrow	Youngsville	8	101	40	100	60	12
Brassfields	Suspended							
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	6	51	40		24	12
Franklinton	D. C. Winston	Franklinton	10		47	150	76	12
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	8	70	40	50		9
Mt. Vernon	E. S. Dunn	Neuse	26	152	80	316	42	12
New Bethel	J. F. McDuffie	Roger's Store		89	60			
Bay Leaf	E. T. Piper	Hutchinson's Store	6	35	20	40	25	9
Woodland								
Wake Union	J. H. Watkins	Pernell	7	100	60		24	10
Forestville	D. W. Allen	Forestville	6	54	25	400	70	12
Rolesville	T. L. Honeycutt	Rolesville	10	133	85	150	75	12
Wake Forest	W. C. Powell	Wake Forest	11	160	120	275	175	12
Hopkins' Chapel	W. K. Phillips	Riley's Cross Roads	7	45	30		20	6
Midway	N. G. Sanderford	Raleigh	6	42	33	250	30	12
New Hope	A. C. Green	Raleigh	10	41		142		12
Raleigh, First Church	E. G. Harrell	Raleigh	36	494	325	1,250	580	12
Wake Cross Roads	C. G. O'Neal	Rolesville	10	54	30	132		12
Stoney Hill			5	40				
Rocky Ford	W. O. Mitchell	Kittrell	6	34	35	36		6
Oak Grove	J. B. Saintsing	Wake Forest	6	106	80	60		12
		Totals	184	1,901	1,140	3,351	1,201	

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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS.

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Elder	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton, N. C.
"	J. N. Boothe	Rogers' Store, N. C.
"	Baylus Cade	Louisburg, N. C.
"	G. W. Coppedge	Moore's Mills, N. C.
"	C. S. Farris	High Point, N. C.
"	A. D. Hunter	Cary, N. C.
"	N. S. Jones	Raleigh, N. C.
"	G. W. Manly	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	John Mitchell, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton, N. C.
"	J. S. Purefoy	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	M. L. Rickman	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	William Royall, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	W. B. Royall, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. W. Sledge	Cedar Rock, N. C.
"	Chas. E. Taylor, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	R. T. Vann	Wake Forest, N. C.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

W. C. Powell ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

Chas. E. Brewer ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

J. S. Purefoy ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

WAKE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH,
TUESDAY, August 28, 1888.

The Central Baptist Association meets in its twenty-ninth annual session with Wake Union Church, Wake county, N. C.

In the absence of Rev. J. L. White the introductory sermon is preached by Rev. Baylus Cade, from Mat. 6:28, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow."

Association adjourns to meet again at 1.30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes with singing. On motion, Bro. W. C. Powell is called to the chair as Moderator *pro tem.* The Association is called to order, and prayer is offered by Bro. C. T. Bailey. The roll of churches is called and their letters read by brethren G. W. Manly and N. S. Jones.

The following is a list of delegates sent by the churches to the Association:

First District.

Youngsville—J. H. Pollard, W. R. Stell, J. A. Winston, Abram Frazier, B. H. Winston. Alternates: J. B. Allen, William Weathers, T. J. Crocker.

Brassfields—J. D. Davis, James Estes, T. B. Lawrence, I. S. Bailey, W. T. Hockaday.

Flat Rock—P. M. Harrison, L. C. Mitchener, Thomas Levister, Perry Wiggins, Joseph Wheeler.

Franklinton—E. J. Ragsdale, N. Y. Gulley, W. M. McGhee, E. W. Morris, Calvin Pritchard.

Perry's Chapel—M. A. Griffin, J. R. Jones, J. J. Wilder, C. W. Wilder, J. B. Wester.

Rocky Ford—S. R. Holmes, R. W. Tate, W. O. Mitchell, A. F. Davis, J. E. Alford. Alternate: J. M. Champion.

Second District.

Mt. Vernon—H. V. Pace, J. A. Honeycutt, J. D. Allen, E. S. Dunn, W. G. Allen.

New Bethel—

Bay Leaf—A. Y. Bailey, G. H. Mooneyham, W. L. Nipper, I. A. Bailey, Loftin Adams.

Woodland—Willis Smith, A. C. O'Neal, A. L. Davis, J. W. Bridges, S. N. Little.

Stoney Hill—W. M. Jackson, J. D. Dew, J. W. Dew, M. W. Chappell, S. D. Ray.

Third District.

Wake Union—G. W. Thompson, J. H. Watkins, W. D. Bailey, G. W. Davis, S. F. Allen.

Wake Forest—W. C. Lankford, L. R. Mills, W. C. Powell, W. B. Dunn, P. A. Dunn. Alternates: C. E. Brewer, John Dunn, S. S. Abernathy, S. W. Brewer, I. T. Holding.

Forestville—W. B. Smith, A. R. Vann, J. C. Caddell, J. R. Dunn, Willis Holding.

Rolesville—M. L. Fowler, J. H. Mitchell, Robert Freeman, Dallas Wiggins, David Dizer. Alternates: T. L. Honeycutt, A. P. Upchurch.

Hopkins' Chapel—W. W. Perry, C. T. Perry, C. G. Mitchell, W. J. Gay, A. D. Pearce.

Oak Grove—J. B. Saintsing, Gideon Phillips, F. N. Shearron, I. N. Williams, W. J. Mitchell.

Fourth District.

Midway—J. A. Peebles, M. M. Perry, N. G. Sanderford, Edward Ferrell, J. Y. Chappell.

New Hope—B. B. Buffaloe, C. H. Baugh, G. W. Partin, R. J. Buffaloe, F. I. Holloway.

Wake X Roads—J. A. Jones, W. A. Upchurch, C. G. O'Neal, K. H. Faison, G. G. O'Neal.

Raleigh, First Church—G. M. Allen, C. Durham, W. H. Pace, Walters Durham.

The election of officers being next in order, the following are elected by ballot: Moderator, W. C. Powell; Clerk and Treasurer, C. E. Brewer; Historian, Rev. James S. Purefoy.

The following visiting brethren report and are invited to seats among us by the Moderator: C. T. Bailey, of the *Recorder;* H. W. Battle, of New Bern, for the Baptist Orphanage; Baylus Cade, of Louisburg; F. P. Hobgood and C. A. Jenkins, of the Flat River Association and Oxford Female Seminary; J. C. Scarborough, of the Raleigh Association and Thomasville Female College.

It is moved that State Missions be the special order for to-morrow 11 o'clock.

Voted further that the Baptist Orphanage be the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It is voted that the Moderator appoint committees on the various objects of the Association: Religious Exercises, Finance,

Periodicals, State Missions, Education, Foreign Missions, Sunday-schools, Home Missions, Baptist Orphanage, Executive Board and Colportage.

A letter from Mt. Olivet Church, formerly a member of the Tar River Association, asking for admission into the Central Association, is read. By authority of a letter from the Clerk of the Tar River Association the request is granted and the right hand of fellowship is extended to the delegates from the church by the Moderator.

The Clerk reads a letter from Peace Chapel asking for admission into this Association. It is referred to a committee, consisting of brethren R. T. Vann, W. B. Dunn, G. W. Davis.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Wake Union Church.

Finance—A. R. Vann, P. M. Harrison, P. A. Dunn.

State Missions—C. Durham, M. R. Pernell, G. M. Allen.

Education—John Mitchell, J. J. Wilder, J. R. Holland.

Foreign Missions—C. E. Taylor. D. W. Allen, R. N. Griffin.

Sunday-schools—N. S. Jones, J. H. Watkins, G. W. Davis.

Home Missions—R. T. Vann, H. V. Pace, J. A. Winston.

Periodicals—C. Durham, C. T. Bailey, W. C. Lankford.

Baptist Orphanage—G. W. Manly, D. W. Allen, H. W. Battle.

Executive Board—W. B. Royall, W. B. Dunn, W. H. Pace.

Colportage—M. L. Fowler, B. B. Buffaloe, J. R. Pace.

The report of the Historian is read:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN, 1888.

Your Historian has been in feeble health for four months, a large part of the time very dangerously sick. Through the mercy of God he is now better, just able to get about, but not able to attend church or write an extended report. He is thankful to be able to make a report at all. He has not been able to attend his two churches in four months. He is now in the 76th year of his age and feels assured his work here must soon be ended. God be praised for all His goodness and thousands of mercies to *him*, to our churches, our Association, our people and our country.

Our Association for the past year has been free from epidemics of any kind, but few deaths have occurred among our brethren, peace and good-will reign among our brethren and churches.

Dr. William Royall has been extremely sick during vacation, but is now about well. It is hoped and expected that he will be able to resume his duties in college during next session.

The drought has been very severe around Wake Forest this summer, and all crops have suffered very much.

A number of our churches have had precious revivals and quite a number have professed conversion, and two hundred and sixty-six have been added to the churches by baptism.

Some months ago Rev. J. L. White resigned the pastorate of the First Church in Raleigh, and they have not yet succeeded in supplying their pulpit.

The Union Meetings have been kept up during the year, and have been made interesting and profitable by the discussion of important subjects, but would doubtless have been much more so if they had been better attended by our ministers and prominent brethren.

Bro. J. H. Hutchison has been licensed to preach by Bay Leaf Church.

The chemical laboratory at Wake Forest College has been completed so as to use it next session. Parties are busy putting in the fixtures and apparatus.

"The Chair of Chemistry, made vacant last January by the death of the lamented Dr. Duggan and temporarily supplied by Prof. Reese, has been filled by the election of Prof. A. L. Purinton, A. M., of West Virginia," who comes with the highest testimonials for character and competency.

"Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Robeson county, N. C., has been elected as Assistant Professor of Languages. He is a Master of Arts of Wake Forest. Perhaps he could receive no higher encomium than the enthusiastic approval which the younger Alumni of the College have expressed on hearing of his election." "Prof. Carlyle received no less than four medals during his stay at Wake Forest. The College honors itself in welcoming him back as a professor."

"Professor B. F. Sledd, of Bedford connty, Va., has been elected to the Chair of Modern Languages—French and German. Prof. Sledd is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, of Virginia, at which institution he stood at the head of his class and where he was afterwards a tutor. He afterwards took a thorough course in French, German and English at Johns Hopkins University."

At the Association at Perry's Chapel the report of a committee recommended a system of colportage to be put into execution by the Association, and I think the Union Meetings were to aid in carrying the work forward. Nothing has been done, and the Union Meetings have made no reports to the Association on the subject.

It was also reported to the Association that there was a destitute section between Rolesville, Hopkins' Chapel and Flat Rock that should have a missionary station and a minister appointed to fill it. I am not aware that anything has been done in that direction. An active, vigorous committee to look after and take charge of these two last items might be able to do much in forwarding both to successful work. Within our bounds in Raleigh a Baptist supply bookstore is in successful operation, where a supply of books for a colporter can be supplied on reasonable terms. Rev. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, has the general charge of this work and would gladly co-operate with this Association in the work of colportage.

Prof. W. G. Simmons, one of the oldest of the faculty of Wake Forest College, on account of failing health has deemed it prudent to resign his position as Professor of Physics, and Prof. Michael has been appointed to fill his place. Prof. Simmons was one of our most valuable officers, being well qualified, always in his place, seldom if ever failed to hear a recitation, and then only on account of sickness. His loss to the teaching force of the faculty is much regretted by the Trustees, faculty and students. May rest and quiet fully restore him to health and his former usefulness among us.

Prof. E. G. Beckwith has been appointed to and has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Mathematics in Wake Forest College. He is a full graduate of the College, has had experience as a teacher, and is fully qualified for the position he fills. He also spent a year at Johns Hopkins University.

The pastor of Woodland Church being sick, the Church recently adopted a most commendable course, one worthy of imitation by other churches. They

held a meeting of days without a regular preacher, each one doing what they could for Christ. The result was seventeen hopeful conversions.

A new church has been constituted in Granville county, eight miles south of Oxford, called Peace Chapel. It was organized on July 30, 1887, by Rev. M. R. Pernell and Rev. W. A. Barrett. This church is the result of the labors, by the blessing of God, of Rev. M. R. Pernell.

Rev. L. N. Chappell, of Forestville Church of this Association, has decided to go as a missionary to China, has been accepted by the F. M. Board of Richmond, Va., and expects to sail soon for his distant field of labor.

Deacon Samuel H. Cannady, a member of Brassfields Church, died in February, 1888, in the 68th year of his age. Bro. Cannady was an exemplary Christian, an active, useful deacon, and is a great loss to the Church and the community. He was several times a member of the Legislature, Chairman of the County Court, and in every respect filled his position well.

Our missionary to China, Dr. Matthew Tyson Yates, was born in Wake county, Janury 8, 1819, and professed conversion when a youth. When he decided that his duty was to preach the gospel he was received as a beneficiary and went to school to Deacon George W. Thompson near the College. When the College opened he was received there and remained until he graduated; was ordained at the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh, and sent to Shanghai, China. He was one of the leading missionaries of the world, lived to establish some churches in China and to translate the New Testament as far as Revelations, so that now twenty millions of Chinamen speaking the Shanghai dialect can read the gospels and epistles of the New Testament in their own language. Eternity only can reveal the vast amount of service his labors have wrought for the advancement of Christianity in the world. He died of paralysis, March 17, 1888, after a laborious work for the Master of forty years, leaving a wife and daughter to mourn his loss.

JAMES S. PUREFOY,
Historian.

The report is adopted.

The following schedule of hours is adopted: Convene each morning at 9.30 and adjourn at 12; in the afternoon convene at 1.15 and adjourn at will.

The Committee on Periodicals make the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Among the special needs of our churches in this stage of our progress as a denomination is a wider dissemination among the members of our churches of a sound and instructive literature. Ignorance and its consequent, want of interest, hinder the proper development of a church as readily as it does the progress and prosperity of an individual. To know is to be able to do. Progress has been made exactly in proportion as our knowledge has increased. And our churches have increased in liberality and stability in proportion to the dissemination among them of the knowledge of the work to be done and the blessings of God upon the workers.

Baptists, of all peoples, should be a reading people, thoroughly grounded in the truth, and ever ready to give a reason for the faith that is in them. In order to be thus furnished and quickened it is important that precept, doctrine and example be kept constantly before us. A safe religious journal, sound in doctrine and alive to the interests of all the great work before us as a denomination, is one of the best means in our reach of increasing in our churches the number of reliable, active and liberal members. To many of our brethren such literature is an indispensable necessity.

Therefore your committee heartily recommend to all the heads of families in the churches of this Association the *Biblical Recorder*, our denominational organ, the *Gospel Herald* and the *Foreign Mission Journal*. These papers are filled with religious instruction and contain tidings from every department of our work, both at home and in foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DURHAM,
C. T. BAILEY,
W. C. LANKFORD,
Committee.

After remarks by brethren C. T. Bailey, C. Durham, R. T. Vann, C. E. Taylor, the report is adopted.

Adjournment.

WAKE UNION CHURCH, August 29, 1888.

MORNING SESSION.

The meeting is opened by religious exercises, conducted by Rev. H. W. Battle.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. The roll of delegates is called and the record of the preceding day is read and approved.

The hour for the report on the Orphanage having arrived, it is voted that the report be postponed till the arrival of the chairman of the committee. In the meantime letters from Raleigh, First Church, and from Stoney Hill Church are read.

It is voted that Education be the special order for 2 o'clock P. M.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the request of Peace Chapel for admission into this Association report and recommend that the request be granted. The report is adopted and the delegates from the Church are welcomed by the Moderator.

The following committee on place and preacher for next meeting is appointed: P. A. Dunn, G. H. Mooneyham, Perry Wiggins.

On motion, the report on the Baptist Orphanage is read:

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage at Thomasville has, under the care of our esteemed and efficient Bro. J. H. Mills, passed a successful year.

The management has been exceptionally good. The orphans have been provided for not merely with physical comforts, food, clothing and shelter, but have had educational and religious training. The expenses of the year, closing July 20th, were about seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500). A debt of one hundred dollars was necessarily incurred. Such is the system of

management that about one-half of the daily cost of living is met by the Orphanage itself with the farm and printing-press, which furnish employment to a number of the children.

This work inside of the Orphanage, however, is not and cannot be adequate to the support of the large number of children that are provided for. Ninety-two orphans are at present within its walls and applications are constantly coming in from all parts of the State. But a larger number cannot be accommodated without increased contributions from the churches. Ten thousand dollars is needed yearly to defray the necessary expenses.

Your committee commends the interest of the Orphanage not merely to the hearts and prayers, but also to the pocket-books of the brethren. Faith without works is dead, and prayer without money will not run the Orphanage. Let the brethren take more regular and larger collections for this cause. We commend especially the very sprightly paper, *Charity and Children*, published at the Orphanage, with Bro. J. W. Oliver as editor. It should find its way to every Baptist home; it would awaken and keep alive greater interest in the orphans. The work needs enlargement, but this is only possible by the enlarged contributions of the brethren and sisters of the churches.

G. W. MANLY,
D. W. ALLEN,
H. W. BATTLE,
Committee.

Bro. H. W. Battle addresses the Association in behalf of the Orphanage. Time having expired, it is extended ten minutes in order to finish the discussion. After remarks by Bro. W. H. Pace a collection for this object is taken which amounts to $48.79. The report is adopted.

The report on State Missions is read:

STATE MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is life; anti-missions, or omissions, is death. He who, having authority, gives a command expects it to be obeyed. Our Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He expects obedience. Shall we meet or disappoint expectation? Our God-given work is a test of faith and a blessed opportunity to help struggling humanity and glorify the name of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. God's power to help and our ability to plan largely and wisely are dependent upon our faith. He who is not in advance of his day is not capable of leadership in the Lord's vineyard—is not up with God. The Spirit of Christ is ever more and better work. To refuse to go forward is rebellion; to neglect it is sickness and final starvation. The "times" should be our servants and not our masters.

The Board of Missions and Sunday-schools has since the last Convention commissioned eighty-three missionaries and eleven colporters. These have done faithful work and have been greatly blessed of the Lord. The Associations that have met thus far this year have given more than ever before to State Missions. The "Central" pledged at its last session $1,000, and paid over $1,300. Can it not do as well this year? The Board commends the fifth Sunday in September as "Children's Day" for State Missions. It, too, publishes the *Gospel Herald*, which, we think, is worthy of support and will be helpful in every department of our work. State Missions is at the base of all our work and should be pressed with more vigor than ever before.

C. DURHAM,
M. R. PERNELL,
G. M. ALLEN,
Committee.

Bro. C. Durham addresses the Association in the interest of State Missions. Time for adjournment having arrived, it is voted to extend the time in order that the discussion may be finished. Bro. Pace makes some remarks and offers the following resolution: That each church be asked to give the same amount for the ensuing year to this object that it has given for the past year. With few changes the resolution is adopted. The following is the revised list:

Mt. Olivet	$ 15
Youngsville	20
Brassfields	25
Flat Rock	15
Franklinton	30
Perry's Chapel	25
Mt. Vernon	40
New Bethel	15
Bay Leaf	15
Woodland	10
Wake Union	26
Forestville	25
Rolesville	30
Wake Forest	100
Sunday-school at Wake Forest	5
Hopkins' Chapel	10
Midway	10
New Hope	25
First Church, Raleigh	500
Peace Chapel	5
Wake X Roads	20
Stoney Hill	5
Rocky Ford	5
Oak Grove	5
W. O. Allen	5
Ladies' Missionary Society of Brassfields	5
Ladies' Missionary Society of Mt. Vernon	10
Total	$1,001

The report on State Missions is adopted. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembles at 1.15 o'clock. Hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" is sung and prayer is offered by Bro. J. S. Purefoy.

The Committee on Foreign Missions make their report. The following is the report as amended:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Resolved 1. That we undertake to raise $1,000 for the support of Foreign Missions.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to apportion this amount among the churches and to notify the churches.

3. That each church be requested to try to raise the amount named by the committee.

The report is discussed by brethren L. N. Chappell and C. E.. Taylor. The time for the discussion of this subject having expired, on motion, it is extended till the discussion shall be finished. It is continued by brethren C. Durham and W. B. Royall.

The report is adopted.

The report on Education is read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are pleased to note an increasing interest among our people in the subject of Education, but are constrained to say that we have not yet risen to the importance of the subject. We can hardly overestimate the value of a good, practical, thorough education, both for our boys and for our girls; and we are glad to be able to say that the facilities for giving it are at hand. All over our State we have excellent academies and high schools for our boys, while Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville, Shelby and other places afford rare opportunities for the education of our girls. Wake Forest College has taken high rank among the foremost institutions of the South, and is deservedly popular. The Baptists have great reason to be proud of their College.

Three new professors have recently been added to the faculty.

The number of students last year reached 213, and it is hoped that a larger number will be present this year.

The Board of Education aided thirty-nine young ministers last session. There are more than a dozen new applications now before us asking for aid. Shall the Board receive them? Will the churches furnish the means necessary to pay their board? Would that the contributions from the churches might enable the Board of Education to give aid to all the worthy and promising young ministers who are in need of help. Brethren, help the young ministers in their effort to prepare themselves for the work to which the Lord has called them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,
J. R. HOLLAND,
J. J. WILDER,
Committee.

The report is discussed by brethren John Mitchell, C. Durham, Baylus Cade, C. A. Jenkins, J. C. Scarborough, C. E. Taylor. During the discussion a collection is taken which amounts to $18.40.

It is voted that the roll of churches be called and the delegates asked to respond, naming the amount each will try to raise for Education. The following is the result:

Youngsville	$ 10
Brassfields	10
Flat Rock	15
Franklinton	25
Perry's Chapel	15
Wake Union	15
Forestville	20
Rolesville	10
Wake Forest	100
Hopkins' Chapel	5
Raleigh, First Church	100
New Hope	25
Oak Grove	5
Peace Chapel	1
Total	$356

The report is adopted.

The Committee on Finance make the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Churches.	Minute Fund.	Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.
Bay Leaf	$ 1 20	$	$	$	$
Brassfields	2 00				
Flat Rock	2 50				
Forestville	2 00				
Franklinton	3 00				
Hopkins' Chapel	1 30	79		15 00	6 65
Midway	60				
Mount Vernon	2 00				
Mount Olivet	1 50				
New Bethel					
New Hope	2 50				
Oak Grove	1 50				
Peace Chapel	1 00				
Perry's Chapel	2 00				
Raleigh, First Church	5 00				
Rocky Ford	1 50				
Rolesville	2 00				
Stoney Hill	1 05				
Wake Forest	5 00				
Wake Union	2 00		1 60		
Wake X Roads	65				
Woodland	2 00				
Youngsville	1 54				
Totals	$43 84	$ 79	$ 1 60	$15 00	$ 6 65

Besides the above amounts we report a collection for the Orphanage amounting to $25.79 in cash and $23 in subscriptions; also a collection for Education of $13.40 cash and $5 subscription.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. VANN,
P. M. HARRISON,
P. A. DUNN,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

The committee for apportioning the amounts among the churches for Foreign Missions is announced as follows: N. Y. Gulley, Baylus Cade, W. H. Mitchell.

Adjournment.

Wake Union Church, August 30, 1888.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association convenes with religious exercises, conducted by Bro. C. A. Jenkins. A portion of the time allotted to religious exercises is devoted to the ordination of Bro. J. R. Holland as deacon in Wake Union Church. The charge is given by Rev. C. Durham, the prayer is offered by Dr. G. W. Manly, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Baylus Cade.

The Moderator calls the Association to order.

The roll of delegates is called and the record of the previous day is read and approved.

The following visitors are recognized and invited to seats among us: Prof. B. F. Sledd, of the Chair of Modern Languages in Wake Forest College, and Prof. J. B. Carlyle, Assistant Professor of Latin and Greek in the same institution.

Dr. G. W. Manly offers the following:

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution be so amended as to add after the word "members," in the third line of the printed form, the words "or pastors."

The resolution is adopted.

A committee on re-districting the Association is appointed as follows: B. B. Buffaloe, J. D. Allen, J. R. Holland.

It is voted that the committee on the Executive Board be stricken from the list.

The same Executive Board that was appointed for last year is re-appointed: W. L. Poteat, P. A. Dunn, W. B. Smith, B. B. Buffaloe and J. N. Holding.

The report on Sunday-schools is read, but, after remarks by Bro. C. Durham, it is re-committed and Bro. C. Durham added to the committee.

The following report on Home Missions is read:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

1. *The Work of the Home Mission Board.*—This Board has for its object the supplying of all the religious destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention which the several States are not able to supply. For this purpose the Board raised last year $48,023.17, and kept in the field 287 missionaries. These missionaries worked in every State in the Convention save Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina, and in the District of Columbia and Cuba besides. In addition to the amount above mentioned the Board raised last year, and expended on the fields contributing it, the sum of $95,222.15.

2. *The Work in Cuba.*—This work, begun three years ago, has already proved a marvel of success. Bro. A. J. Diaz, the leader of our brethren in that island, has been signally blessed of God in his ministry. Amid severe and protracted persecutions he has gone unflinchingly forward, preaching the gospel, baptizing the people and planting and training churches, till nearly eight thousand converts have applied for baptism. The zeal and faithfulness of these Cuban Baptists appear in the facts that their contributions to the cause of Christ amounted last year to $4,610 and that during the pestilence last summer, while Romish priests deserted their flocks and the panic-stricken people fled, these brethren of ours stood heroically by the abandoned sufferers, ministering to their wants. And the blessed work is still daily advancing with still more astonishing results.

3. *Our Relation to this Board.*—In the early struggles of the Baptists in this State, and before their own State Mission Board had power to relieve their destitution, the Home Mission Board came to their help. Several of our strongest city churches were sustained by it in their early struggle for life. The Board spent last year in Western North Carolina $2,236.51. It is now asking us to aid it in its efforts to plant self-sustaining churches wherever they are needed in other States that are not able to do the work. "Freely ye have received; freely give."

4. *Needs of the Board.*—The policy of the Board is not merely to help weak churches pay their pastors, but also to help them build meeting-houses. This last work is commonly done by loans. Such funds are needed for this purpose. A house of worship for Bro. Diaz in Havana is a pressing necessity. The house ought to seat five thousand people, as more than this number have sometimes attended his services. It should be neat as well as large and substantial. To buy the lot and erect the building will require $50,000. Growing cities in the great West, and New Orleans, Memphis and Savannah in the South, are calling loudly for help. The *Kind Words* series of Sunday-school papers published by the Board need your help to enlarge their circulation. Urge the Sunday-schools to take them.

We reported last year for this Board $106; this year we report $220.43. Let the churches strike for $500 next year.

R. T. VANN,
H. V. PACE,
J. A. WINSTON,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren R. T. Vann, A. D. Hunter, W. O. Allen, Baylus Cade, C. Durham, J. H. Watkins, W. C. Powell and N. Y. Gulley it is adopted.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembles with singing "Jesus, Lover of my Soul." Prayer is offered by Bro. A. D. Hunter.

Bro. M. R. Pernell presents the case of Peace Chapel to the Association and makes an appeal to it for money to aid in the erection of a house of worship.

The committee on place and preacher for next meeting make the following report:

Your committee to recommend place and preacher for the next meeting of the Association select Bay Leaf as the place and Rev. C. Durham to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. B. Royall as his alternate.

P. A. DUNN,
G. H. MOONEYHAM,
PERRY WIGGINS,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

Dr. C. E. Taylor offers the following:

Resolved 1. That each Church Clerk in this Association be requested to send a copy of the statistical reports of his church to the Clerk of the Association at least ten days before the meeting of the Association.

2. That the Clerk of the Association be instructed to combine these reports into tables and place a printed copy in the hands of each delegate when the Association meets.

After remarks by Dr. Taylor the resolution is adopted.

The committee appointed to re-district the Association make the following report:

First District—Youngsville, Flat Rock, Franklinton, Perry's Chapel, Rocky Ford, Mount Olivet, Peace Chapel.

Second District—Brassfields, Mount Vernon, New Bethel, Bay Leaf, Woodland, Stoney Hill.

Third District—Wake Union, Wake Forest, Forestville, Hopkins' Chapel, Oak Grove.

Fourth District—Midway, New Hope, Wake X Roads, Raleigh (First Church), Rolesville.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. BUFFALOE,
J. D. ALLEN,
J. R. HOLLAND,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

It is voted that the same committee that was appointed to apportion among the churches the amount promised for Foreign Missions be asked to apportion also among them the amount promised for Home Missions.

The following is the report on Sunday-schools as revised:

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We need better work in this department. It is not making the advances that are marked in State and Foreign Missions and in Education. In order that better work may be done it would perhaps be wise to change, or add to, our organization in this department.

We recommend, therefore, that the Sunday-schools in this Association be encouraged to organize the Central Sunday-school Association, to meet midway, or thereabouts, between the sessions of this body, and that the Mission Sunday-school work, the colportage work and the Sunday-school Institute work be committed to said Association.

We further recommend that Rev. Baylus Cade, W. C. Powell, J. D. Allen, J. N. Holding and W. L. Poteat be appointed a committee to arrange for and carry into effect the above suggestions and recommendations.

N. S. JONES,
J. H. WATKINS,
G. W. DAVIS,
C. DURHAM,
Committee.

After an address by Bro. C. Durham the report is adopted. The report on Colportage is read:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

The Convention at its last session committed the work of colportage to the Board of Missions and Sunday-schools, and urged that it be organized and pushed as rapidly as possible. In obedience to this expression the Board has commissioned eleven colporters. These are at work and their work has been much blessed. Two hundred and fifty thousand pages of tracts have been given away; over 500 Bibles and more than 1,000 Testaments Many Bibles, Testaments and good books have been sold, and a wide field for a blessed work that will tell largely upon the development and growth of our people is opening up before us.

At Perry's Chapel this Association recommended that this work be organized, but nothing practical has resulted from the recommendation. We, your committee, now urge that you ask the Board of Missions to appoint a colporter from this Association, and that the pastors and churches pledge their support and hearty and practical co-operation. We are of the opinion that the Association ought to make some contribution to this year's work.

M. L. FOWLER,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
J. R. PACE,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren J. R. Pace and C. Durham it is adopted.

A letter from Bro. J. D. Newton is read appealing for aid in building a house of worship at Concord, N. C. It is voted that a collection be taken, which results in the collection of $6.37.

The following report on Religious Exercises is read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Your Committee on Religious Exercises beg leave to report that they have made the following appointments to preach at the stand:

On Wednesday, at 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. C. A. Jenkins, and at 2 o'clock P. M. Rev. N. S. Jones.

On Thursday, at 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. L. N. Chappell, and at 1.30 P. M. Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

G. W. MANLY,
G. W. DAVIS,
J. R. HOLLAND,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

It is voted that seven hundred copies of the Minutes of this session of the Association be printed, and that the Clerk be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

It is voted further that the thanks of the Association be tendered the members of Wake Union Church and its vicinity for the courtesy and hospitality which they have shown its delegates and visitors.

Voted that a committee of three be elected to represent this Association at the next session of the Baptist State Convention. Brethren A. D. Hunter, W. H. Michael and J. B. Carlyle are elected.

Voted that a committee of one be elected to represent this Association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Bro. N. Y. Gulley is elected, and Bro. W. C. Powell his alternate.

Prayer is offered by Dr. C. E. Taylor, after which the Association adjourns to meet again on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1889, with the Bay Leaf Baptist Church.

W. C. POWELL,
Moderator.

C. E. BREWER,
Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Finance Committee for Minute Fund	$ 43 84
Received of Finance Committee for Education	19 19
Received of Finance Committee for Home Missions	1 60
Received of Finance Committee for Foreign Missions	15 00
Received of Finance Committee for State Missions	6 65
Received of Finance Committee for Orphanage	23 00
Total receipts	$109 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer of Baptist State Convention:	
For Home Missions	$ 1 60
For Foreign Missions	15 00
For State Missions	6 65
For Orphanage	23 00
For Education	19 19
Paid *Biblical Recorder* for printing Minutes	28 84
Paid Clerk for services	15 00
Total disbursements	$109 28

C. E. BREWER,
Treasurer.

NOTE.—The $25.79 which was collected in *cash* for Baptist Orphanage was paid to Rev. H. W. Battle, agent for the Orphanage, by the Finance Committee, and did not pass through my hands. C. E. B.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association *ex officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on the fourth Tuesday in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Association.
7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.
14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post-offices.	Clerks.	Post-offices.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.
Bay Leaf	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	J. A. Carter	Neuse	19	13	1	3	1	.....	37	37	74	...
Brassfields	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	W. R. Walters	Wilton	14	2	.....	5	1	2	47	63	110	...
Flat Rock	John Mitchell	Wake Forest	J. A. Clifton	Royal	.....	2	4	4	5	1	86	175	261	3
Forestville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	L. Chappell	Forestville	3	2	.....	2	.....	.....	22	38	60	...
Franklinton	Baylus Cade	Louisburg	J. D. Joyner	Franklinton	.....	1	.....	13	1	.....	37	40	77	...
Hopkins' Chapel	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield	J. H. Ray	Riley's X Roads	8	1	4	6	34	4	55	83	138	...
Midway	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton	E. C. Beddingfield	Raleigh	15	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	30	51	81	...
Mount Vernon	G. W. Manly	Wake Forest	J. D. Allen	Falls	2	1	3	12	12	.....	48	83	131	..
Mount Olivet	J. W. Sledge	Cedar Rock	B. J. Brown	Franklinton	19	7	.....	1	.....	.....	34	63	97	...
New Bethel	J. N. Boothe	Rogers' Store			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
New Hope	A. D. Hunter	Cary	F. J. Holloway	Raleigh	15	1	.....	3	.....	.....	44	63	107	7
Oak Grove	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	J. B. Saintsing	Wake Forest	4	4	1	4	.....	.....	28	28	56	...
Peace Chapel	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	N. B. Dickerson	Kittrell	12	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	11	21	...
Perry's Chapel	M. L. Rickman	Wake Forest	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	1	9	1	6	.....	1	44	58	102	4
Raleigh, First Church			J. D. Boushall	Raleigh	77	43	3	25	6	2	225	324	549	...
Rocky Ford	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	A. S. Alford	Kittrell	5	2	.....	.....	1	3	25	26	51	...
Rolesville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. R. Broughton	Rolesville	14	3	3	3	1	2	72	122	194	...
Stoney Hill	J. S. Purefoy	Wake Forest	M. W. Chappell	New Light	9	.....	.....	2	2	.....	16	11	27	...
Wake Forest	R. T. Vann	Wake Forest	W. L. Poteat	Wake Forest	7	20	3	37	1	1	105	73	178	...
Wake Union	G. W. Manly	Wake Forest	W. J. Simpson	Pernell	17	15	3	11	.....	2	28	43	71	...
Woodland	J. S. Purefoy	Wake Forest	S. N. Little	Pernell	2	2	.....	6	.....	.....	46	67	113	...
Wake X Roads	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield	G. G. O'Neill	Neuse	8	.....	2	5	7	1	39	75	114	...
Youngsville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. A. Winston	Youngsville	15	7	.....	6	4	1	61	65	126	...
				Totals	266	144	28	160	76	20	1,139	1,599	2,738	14

STATEMENT OF FUNDS REPORTED IN THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Baptist Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Bryan House.	Total Amounts.
Bay Leaf	$100.00	$300.00	$.....	$ 15.00	$ 8.00	$.....	$.....	$ 2.00	$.....	$ 1.20	$.....	$ 426.20
Brassfields	150.00	.....	2.91	18.30	15.00	.....	6.25	.....	.....	2.00	.....	194.46
Flat Rock	150.00	10.00	3.22	1.85	8.43	.....	10.76	4.32	.....	2.50	.....	191.08
Forestville	150.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	.....	20.00	5.00	7.04	2.00	.....	279.04
Franklinton	400.00	44.66	21.34	48.74	33.22	3.50	51.10	11.83	20.68	3.00	.....	638.07
Hopkins' Chapel	100.00	15.00	.79	6.65	15.00	.....	.....	.....	21.35	1.30	.....	160.09
Midway	75.00	2.00	.....	6.94	5.00	.....	.....	.....	4.20	.60	.....	93.74
Mount Vernon	150.00	7.00	14.50	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27.88	2.00	.....	251.38
Mount Olivet	100.00	305.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	406.50
New Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Hope	150.00	21.72	34.19	51.00	20.53	.....	36.68	15.00	.....	2.50	.....	331.62
Oak Grove	60.00	120.00	.....	.....	6.20	.....	1.23	5.00	.....	1.50	.....	193.93
Peace Chapel	25.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	326.00
Perry's Chapel	125.00	11.80	10.50	11.78	10.00	.....	4.25	5.20	14.65	2.00	.....	195.18
Raleigh, First Church	1,400.00	455.00	131.00	700.25	377.49	.....	206.82	139.76	1,320.05	5.00	25.00	4,679.37
Rocky Ford	50.00	10.50	.....	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	6.50	1.50	.....	75.00
Rolesville	150.00	20.00	6.25	36.17	20.00	.. ..	4.00	4.58	14.96	2.00	.....	257.96
Stoney Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	1.05	.....	6.05
Wake Forest	700.00	42.60	240.40	145.37	90.15	.....	25.75	16.55	.....	5.00	35.00	1,300.82
Wake Union	100.00	48.50	35.25	12.75	21.00	.....	3.00	2.75	.....	2.00	.....	225.25
Woodland	60.00	125.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	187.00
Wake X Roads	100.00	10.00	.....	1.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.65	.....	112.28
Youngsville	100.00	26.00	10.00	17.87	15.00	.....	9.79	3.44	12.00	1.54	.....	195.64
Totals	$4,395.00	$1,899.78	$529.35	$1,144.30	$681.52	$3.50	$379.63	$220.43	$1,449.31	$43.84	$ 60.00	$10,726.66

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools.	Superintendents.	Post-offices	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Sunday-school Papers Taken.	No. of Months in the Year School Open.	Amount Contributed.
Bay Leaf	J. P. Ball	Hutchinson's Store	7	56	40	49		6	$
Brassfields	W. R. Walters	Wilton	5	54	35		1	6	
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	5	65	30		40	12	
Forestville	D. W. Allen	Forestville	7	45	25	400	56	12	
Franklinton	L. L. Vann	Franklinton	11	72	51	150	89	12	69.20
Hopkins' Chapel	W. K. Phillips	Riley's X Roads	6	30	20		75	6	
Midway	N. G. Sanderford	Millbrook	6	60	35	150	30	12	
Mount Vernon	E. S. Dunn	Neuse	20	95	75	200	20	12	
Mount Olivet	S. P. Lowry	Franklinton	8	152	65				
New Bethel									
New Hope	A. C. Green	Raleigh	8	62	40	142			10.65
Oak Grove	J. B. Saintsing	Wake Forest	7	106	67			12	
Peace Chapel	J. J. Gorden	Reamston	5	81	60			6	2.86
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	11	81	50	200	82	12	44.85
Raleigh, First Church	E. G. Harrell	Raleigh	40	590	341	1,230	728	12	462.27
Rocky Ford	R. W. Tate	Louisburg	8	40	33	37		12	5.46
Rolesville	J. H. Mitchell	Rolesville	9	114	65	25	100	12	
Stoney Hill	W. M. Jackson	New Light	7	41	30			4	
Wake Forest	W. C. Powell	Wake Forest	15	175	125	250	290	12	50.00
Wake Union	J. H. Watkins	Pernell	11	104	66	42	61	10	16.75
Woodland	A. L. Davis	Pernell	7	63	60			12	3.25
Wake X Roads	H. H. Watkins	Rolesville	10	56	30	150	30	12	5.43
Youngsville	J. J. Barrow	Youngsville	8	79	35			12	
			221	2,221	1,378	3,025	1,602		$670.72

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"	E. G. Beckwith	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. N. Boothe	Apex, N. C.
"	Baylus Cade	Louisburg, N. C.
"	J. W. Carter	Raleigh, N. C.
"	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield, N. C.
"	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Store, N. C.
"	A. D. Hunter	Cary, N. C.
"	N. S. Jones	Raleigh, N. C.
"	G. W. Manly	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	John Mitchell, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton, N. C.
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"	J. W. Sledge	Cedar Rock, N. C.
"	Charles E. Taylor, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	R. T. Vann	Wake Forest, N. C.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

A. C. Green ..... Raleigh, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

Charles E. Brewer ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

John Mitchell ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

BAY LEAF BAPTIST CHURCH, Tuesday, August 27, 1889.

The Central Baptist Association meets, at the appointed time, in its thirtieth annual session, with the Bay Leaf Baptist Church.

The introductory sermon is preached by Rev. C. Durham, from Heb. ii: 1.

Association adjourns.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convenes with singing "There is a fountain filled with blood."

On motion of Bro. P. A. Dunn, Bro. A. C. Green is called to the chair.

The roll of churches is called, and their letters read by brethren N. S. Jones and W. B. Smith.

The following is a list of delegates present:

Bay Leaf—J. P. Ball, Q. S. Adams, G. H. Moonegham, C. F. Honeycutt, P. A. Harrison.

Brassfields—J. D. Davis, N. E. Cannady, T. B. Lawrence, H. D. Mangum, W. T. Hockaday.

Flat Rock—P. M. Harrison, Perry Wiggins, W. J. Alford.

Forestville—D. D. Gill, D. W. Allen, W. B. Smith.

Franklinton—E. J. Ragsdale, W. M. Barrow.

Hopkins' Chapel—D. S. Gay, E. B. Perry, Richard Rabon.

Mount Olivet—S. P. Lowry, Alexander Evans, J. F. Jeffreys.

Mount Vernon—W. G. Allen, R. D. Honeycutt, Wm. Braswell.

New Hope—B. B. Buffaloe, A. C. Green, F. E. Weathers, M. H. Harp.

New Bethel—John C. Moore, W. A. Jones, J. M. Adams.

Oak Grove—Gideon Phillips, W. T. Glenn, J. B. Saintsing.

Peace Chapel—N. B. Dickerson.

Perry's Chapel—J. J. Wilder.

Raleigh, First Church—G. M. Allen, L. H. Adams.

Rocky Ford—J. M. Champion, Jerry Champion.

Rolesville—T. L. Honeycutt, W. W. Rogers, N. R. Watkins, L. N. Ranes.

Stony Hill—M. W. Chappell, J. W. Dew, M. R. Sykes, Jas. R. Laton, W. M. Jackson.

Wake Forest—P. W. Johnson, C. E. Brewer, P. A. Dunn, W. L. Poteat.

Wake Cross-Roads—K. H. Faison, J. E. Taylor, Johnny Jones.

Wake Union—J. H. Watkins, W. P. Edwards, W. O. Allen, C. M. Walters.

Woodland—A. L. Davis, B. H. Davis, A. C. O'Neill, P. R. Allen, Willie Smith.

Youngsville—J. B. Allen, C. H. Hodge, Thos. Hodge.

Midway—John McDade, James Harp, N. G. Sandiford, M. M. Perry, Edward Ferrell.

The election of officers being in order, the following are elected by ballot:

Moderator—A. C. Green.

Clerk and Treasurer—C. E. Brewer.

Historian—Dr. John Mitchell.

In response to invitation to visiting brethren, the following report, and are welcomed by the Moderator: W. J. Ferrell, of the Raleigh Association; J. H. Mills, of the Orphanage; and J. A. Speight, of the *Recorder*.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Bay Leaf Church.
Finance—W. B. Smith, John Norwood, G. M. Allen.
State Missions—C. Durham, A. D. Hunter, B. B. Buffaloe.
Education—John Mitchell, T. L. Honeycutt, E. S. Dunn.
Foreign Missions—W. B. Royall, D. W. Allen, J. H. Hutchinson.
Sunday-Schools—N. S. Jones, W. O. Allen, W. J. Alford.
Home Missions—J. W. Carter, G. W. Coppedge, N. M. Barrow.
Periodicals—J. A. Speight, John Jones, J. H. Ray.
Baptist Orphanage—J. H. Mills, S. P. Lowry, J. H. Watkins.
Executive Board—W. B. Royall, W. B. Dunn, W. H. Pace.
Colportage—N. E. Canady, N. B. Dickerson, C. F. Honeycutt.
Place and Preachers for Next Meeting—P. A. Dunn, B. B. Buffaloe, G. W. Coppedge.

By motion, State Missions is made the special order for to-morrow, 11 o'clock.

The following is the report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would state that, in this age of progress and development, no people can hope to be abreast of the times through which we are passing that is not a reading people. Knowledge is not only power, but it is life and happiness. Baptist people should be a public-spirited goaheadative, reading people. It is the conviction of your committee that no Baptist can be useful and efficient in his church or in the world at large that fails to read his denominational papers. The *Biblical Recorder* is our paper. It is an able exponant of our principles. It is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit, and bold and fearless in its utterances. We commend it to all the members of our churches, and urge them to take it and read it.

Charity and Children comes from the home of the orphans, and we commend it to our people, with the Sunday-School publications at Atlanta.

J. A. SPEIGHT,
JOHN JONES,
J. H. RAY,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren J. A. Speight, J. W. Carter, J. H. Mills, the report is adopted.

By motion, Home Missions is made the order for Thursday at 10 o'clock.

The following schedule is adopted: Meet at 9:30, adjourn at 12 o'clock; re-assemble at 1:30 o'clock and adjourn at will.

Adjournment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convenes at 9:30 o'clock, and religious exercises are conducted by Dr. J. W. Carter.

The roll of delegates is called and the minutes of the previous session are read and approved.

By motion, a letter of dismission is granted Peace Chapel to unite with the Flat River Association.

By motion, the report on Foreign Missions is made the order immediately following the report on State Missions.

By motion, the report on the Baptist Orphanage is made the order for 2:30 o'clock to-day.

The report on Education is read:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of Education aided thirty-six young ministers at Wake Forest College last session. We are hoping to be able to aid about the same number next session. Many more, who seem to be worthy, are earnestly asking for help, and the Convention has said, "Receive all the worthy applicants." But the contributions from the churches heretofore have not been sufficient to justify this. The Board is now several hundred dollars behind, but we are hoping to report out of debt at the Convention. Brothers, help. Our college, which is now in a more prosperous condition than ever before, was founded in the prayers and sacrifices of our brethren with special reference to the education of our ministers. And this has ever been prominent in our educational work.

The work of the Board of Education, while it may not have been all that could be desired, has been truly encouraging. Many of our most consecrated, progressive and useful ministers, at home and abroad, have been beneficiaries of the Board. No work that we have done for the Master has been more fruitful of good results, and we should be encouraged to go forward.

The contributions from many of the churches, as reported yesterday, were good, but about half reported nothing for ministerial education. Brethren, why should this continue? Will not all the churches, for Christ's sake, help the young ministers whom He has called to prepare themselves for the work to which He has called them?

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,
E. S. DUNN,
T. L. HONEYCUTT,
Committee.

After discussion by Brother John Mitchell, the roll of churches is called, and each promises to try to raise the amount opposite its name:

Flat Rock	$15 00	Raleigh	$150 00
Franklinton	25 00	Rolesville	10 00
Hopkins' Chapel	5 00	Wake Forest	100 00
Mt. Vernon	5 00	Wake Union	15 00
New Hope	10 00	Wake Cross-Roads	2 50
Oak Grove	5 00	Youngsville	10 00
New Bethel	5 00		
Peace Chapel	5 00	Total	$369 50
Perry's Chapel	7 00		

The report is adopted.

The report on State Missions is read:

STATE MISSIONS.

All that has been done, is now being done, and that may be done, whether under appointment of a local church, an Association, the State Mission Board, Home Mission Board, or without appointment by any human action, to give the gospel to the destitute neighborhoods and sections of our State, has been, is now, and will be in reality State Mission work. Hence, for more than one hundred and fifty years the Baptists of North Carolina have been engaged in State missions. The work was never in a more hopeful or satisfactory condition than it is at present. We now have a larger number of missionaries and colporters than

ever before, and the Lord has most abundantly blessed the labors of these devoted men during the past year. We recommend the three following things, viz.:

1. That all the pastors keep their churches well informed about the importance, growth and needs of our State Mission work.

2. That pastors and people be requested to pray the Lord to guide in the management of this work, and to own and bless the sacrifices and toils of His servants in the future, even more than in the past, in giving the Gospel to the destitute of our State.

3. That the churches be asked to enlarge their contributions for State missions.

C. DURHAM, *Chairman Committee,*
A. D. HUNTER,
B. B. BUFFALOE.

After discussion by Bro. C. Durham, by motion, the churches are requested to raise the same amounts that they contributed last year, and more, if possible. The following is the list:

Mt. Olivet	$ 15 00	Wake Forest	$100 00
Youngsville	20 00	S. S. at Wake Forest	5 00
Brassfields	25 00	Hopkins' Chapel	10 00
Flat Rock	15 00	Midway	10 00
Franklinton	30 00	New Hope	25 00
Perry's Chapel	25 00	First Church, Raleigh	500 00
Mt. Vernon	40 00	Peace Chapel	5 00
New Bethel	15 00	Wake Cross-Roads	20 00
Bay Leaf	15 00	Stony Hill	5 00
Woodland	10 00	Rocky Ford	5 00
Wake Union	26 00	Oak Grove	5 00
Forestville	25 00		
Rolesville	30 00	Total	$981 00

The report on State Missions is adopted.

Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembles, and is lead in prayer by Prof. W. B. Royall.

In response to a request from Bay Leaf Church to ordain Bro. J. H. Hutchinson to the ministry, the Association adopts the following:

"WHEREAS, There has come to this Association a request for the appointing of a presbytery for the ordination of a brother to the Gospel ministry; and

"WHEREAS, It is not the object of this Association to ordain men to the ministry: therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That said request be referred to the local church of which the brother is a member."

The following is the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this day of material activity and progress, it really seems that the temper of the times is imparting itself to the spirit of the Lord's children in their efforts to obey the great commission. Indeed, it can hardly be considered improper to designate this the revival epoch in Foreign Missions. To daily-increasing numbers of those who have a mind to work for the Lord, it is becoming a question why they should not labor in remote and neglected parts of the vineyard. Formerly, the burden of proof as to one's obligation to go was felt to be upon the Lord Himself. It is beginning now to be more adequately realized to be upon the Lord's servant.

The Baptists of North Carolina have great reason to be thankful that from their own ranks have gone forth so many devoted men and women to foreign fields. It has not been many years since it would have seemed not a small showing for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention to have as its whole number of missionaries the number now in the field from North Carolina alone. It ought to be doubly gratifying to the Central Association, that one of their own number is now in China on the field upon which Yates fell, while another—a gifted sister—is in Mexico, enlisted for the salvation and elevation of those whom sin and superstition have so basely degraded.

Some of the churches have, in their contributions, made commendable advance, and somewhat in proportion to the enlarged demand. It is to be regretted that others have made no advance in their contributions, while others still have fallen back. Let the deficits be made up during the coming Fall.

W. B. ROYALL,
D. W. ALLEN,
J. H. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren W. B. Royall and J. W. Carter, by motion, a committee is appointed to apportion among the churches of this Association the amounts which, in their knowledge of the needs of the fields and the ability of the churches, each church should be requested to raise for Foreign and Home Missions. Committee, R. T. Vann, P. A. Dunn, L. R. Mills.

The following is the report:

CHURCHES.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.
Bay Leaf	$ 10 00	$ 5 00
Brassfields	40 00	20 00
Flat Rock	30 00	15 00
Forestville	30 00	15 00
Franklinton	30 00	15 00
Hopkins' Chapel	20 00	10 00
Midway	10 00	5 00
Mount Olivet	10 00	5 00
Mount Vernon	25 00	12 50
New Bethel	10 00	5 00
New Hope	35 00	17 50
Oak Grove	5 00	2 50
Perry's Chapel	20 00	10 00
Raleigh, First Church	500 00	250 00
Rocky Ford	10 00	5 00
Rolesville	30 00	15 00
Stony Hill	5 00	2 50
Wake Forest	100 00	50 00
Wake Union	20 00	10 00
Woodland	10 00	5 00
Wake Cross-Roads	20 00	10 00
Youngsville	20 00	10 00
Totals	$990 00	$495 00

R. T. VANN,
P. A. DUNN,
L. R. MILLS,
Committee.

By motion, the report on the Orphanage is postponed until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Bro. N. S. Jones offers the following:

"*Resolved*, That Article XIII of the Constitution be changed so as to read, 'shall meet on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September.'"

After discussion by brethren N. S. Jones, J. B. Allen, S. P. Lowry, W. Smith and A. C. Green, it is passed.

Committee on Place and Preachers for Next Meeting report as follows:

Your committee to recommend place and preachers for next Association select Franklinton as the place, and Dr. J. W. Carter to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. N. S. Jones his alternate.

P. A. DUNN,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
J. G. COPPEDGE,
Committee.

The Finance Committee offers the following:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.
Bay Leaf	$1 25	$	$	$
Brassfields				
Flat Rock	2 00			
Forestville	2 00			
Franklinton	2 00			
Hopkins' Chapel	1 50		5 40	3 15
Midway	1 50			
Mount Vernon	2 50			
Mount Olivet	2 00	2 75		
New Bethel	1 75			
New Hope	2 00	9 16		
Oak Grove	1 50			
Peace Chapel	1 00			
Perry's Chapel	2 25			
First Church, Raleigh	5 00			
Rocky Ford	1 50			1 25
Rolesville	2 00			
Stony Hill	1 00			
Wake Forest	5 00			
Wake Union	2 00			
Wake Cross-Roads	80	1 73	1 24	2 01
Woodland	2 00	2 50	2 38	
Youngsville	1 45			
	$44 00	$16 14	$9 02	$6 41

W. B. SMITH,
G. M. ALLEN,
JNO. NORWOOD,
Committee.

It is adopted.

By motion, the churches are requested to send no money to the Association except for Minute Fund, but to the Treasurer, J. D. Boushall, or to the Orphanage.

Adjournment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convenes with religious exercises, which are conducted by Rev. G. W. Coppedge.

The roll of delegates is called. The record of the previous session is read, and, after correction, is approved.

The report on Home Missions is read:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The field of our Home Mission Board is immense in its extent. It includes all the States embraced within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention. Within these States there is much religious destitution. Even in the older States, like North Carolina, there are many openings for missionary work. But in the younger States, like Texas, the demands of the work are simply enormous. When we consider the rapid growth of our population, the needs of our colored brethren, the dangers which arise from foreign immigration, and the influence of the liquor traffic, and other similar perils, we must see that both religion and patriotism demand that we should give the most liberal, cheerful support to our Home Mission Board in its efforts to evangelize our own country.

The Board also has charge of our missions in the island of Cuba. The work there has been marvellously successful. The accounts of it which come to us read almost like a chapter from the Acts of the Apostles. The opposition of the Romish hierarchy is violent, but our brethren endure persecution with a patience and heroism worthy of the primitive Christians. Surely, we should sustain them with our prayers and contributions. Last year the churches of this Association gave $220.43 to Home Missions, and proposed to raise $500 this year; but instead of $500, we have given $200.92, a falling off of $19.51 from last year. Brethren, we must do better next year.

J. W. CARTER,
G. W. COPPEDGE,
N. M. BARROW.

After discussion by brethren J. W. Carter and J. S. Dill, the report is adopted.

The report on the Orphanage is read:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

After having, for a hundred years, neglected the needy children of their dead brethren and sisters, the Baptists of North Carolina have opened, near Thomasville, training schools for 96 orphans, and are building another house, so as to accommodate 120 in all. While the money to build house is freely furnished, the children need food three times a day and clothes every day. The contributions for daily supplies come in very scantily, and it is now exceedingly difficult to procure the necessaries of life. We therefore recommend that each Sunday-School be requested to give the orphans the benefit of one collection during each month, and that each church be allowed the privilege of making one collection a year for the orphans.

Respectfully,

S. P. LOWRY,
J. H. WATKINS,
J. H. MILLS,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren J. H. Mills and C. Durham, a collection is taken for the Orphanage, which amounts to $64.90 in cash and $35.10 in subscriptions.

The report is adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association re-assembles with prayer by Rev. C. Durham.

It is ordered that the Clerk have seven hundred copies of the minutes printed, and pay fifteen dollars for Clerk's services.

It is moved, that the reports on Sunday-Schools and Colportage be inserted in the minutes, but that, since those subjects have been transferred to the Sunday-School Association, the discussion be deferred.

Bro. John Mitchell is elected to represent this Association in the Southern Baptist Convention, and C. Durham his alternate.

Brethren P. A. Dunn, W. J. Alford and W. H. Mitchell are elected to represent this Association in the Baptist State Convention.

It is voted that the thanks of this Association be extended to the members of this church and community for the kind hospitality shown delegates and visitors.

In the absence of Bro. N. E. Cannady, chairman of Committee on Colportage, Bro. W. L. Poteat is appointed in his place.

After prayer by Dr. J. W. Carter, the Association adjourns to meet again with the Franklinton Church, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1890.

A. C. GREEN,
Moderator.

CHARLES E. BREWER,
Clerk.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee believe the Sunday-School work to be one of the most important departments in our Master's kingdom, and through this channel the gospel is being wonderfully and powerfully preached. We are glad to report that twenty-two out of twenty-three churches in the Association report good Sunday-Schools. In these schools several hundred children and older people are brought under the influence of the Gospel from day to day. We urge our pastors and churches to use every endeavor to still advance this great work. The reports from all our churches are encouraging, but there is room for still greater improvement.

Our Sunday-School Association, which was organized last spring, held its first session at Forestville. It was not as gratifying as we desired, yet by no means was it a failure. We hope that the next session will prove the wisdom of the organization of the body. We recommend and urge all our Sunday-Schools to see that they are represented in these meetings by letter containing full report, and also by a full delegation.

N. S. JONES,
W. O. ALLEN,
W. J. ALFORD,
Committee.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

At the last session of the Central Association, the colportage work was committed to the Central Sunday-School Association, the organization of which was then recommended. That Association was organized and held its first session at Forestville, April 26—28, inclusive, 1889. Among other subjects, colportage was discussed favorably; but, so far as your committee has been able to ascertain, no definite action was taken and no practical work has been done.

In behalf of the committee: W. L. POTEAT.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Finance Committee, for Minute Fund	$ 44 00
" " " for Home Missions	16 14
" " " for Foreign Missions	9 02
" " " for State Missions	6 41
" for Orphanage (by collection)	64 90
Total receipts	$140 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer Baptist State Convention:	
For Home Missions	$ 16 14
For Foreign Missions	9 02
For State Missions	6 41
J. H. Mills, for Orphanage	64 90
For printing Minutes	29 00
Clerk, for services	15 00
Total disbursements	$140 47

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of the churches connected with this body, shall be considered members of the Association *ex officio*.

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be intrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, at such place as the Association may elect.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association there shall he preached during each annual session an introductory sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Association.

7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.

9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Col. Members.
Bay Leaf	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	J. A. Carter	Neuse	----	1	--	2	--	--	36	39	75	--
Brassfields	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	W. R. Walters	Wilton	7	2	1	8	1	1	47	60	107	--
Flat Rock	John Mitchell	Wake Forest	J. A. Clifton	Royal	3	6	1	10	3	3	83	176	259	--
Forestville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	L. Chappell	Forestville	1	9	1	2	1	1	28	35	63	--
Franklinton	Baylus Cade	Louisburg	E. J. Ragsdale	Franklinton	----	----	--	2	--	1	35	39	74	--
Hopkins' Chapel	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield	J. H. Ray	Riley's X Roads	42	3	6	2	2	1	87	108	195	--
Midway	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	M. M. Perry	Raleigh	----	2	--	----	3	--	30	51	81	--
Mount Olivet	J. W. Sledge	Cedar Rock	A. H. Collett	Franklinton	4	1	--	2	4	1	30	66	96	--
Mount Vernon	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	J. D. Allen	Falls	----	1	4	7	2	2	46	79	125	--
New Bethel	J. N. Boothe	Apex	J. C. Moore	Bangor	1	2	--	7	2	--	50	96	146	--
New Hope	A. D. Hunter	Cary	F. J. Holloway	Raleigh	----	----	--	6	1	--	44	57	101	6
Oak Grove	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	W. E. Greyard	Wake Forest	16	----	--	12	2	--	32	26	58	--
Peace Chapel	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	N. B. Dickerson	Kittrell	1	----	--	1	2	--	9	11	20	--
Perry's Chapel	E. G. Beckwith	Wake Forest	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	23	10	--	10	2	1	52	71	127	4
Raleigh, First Ch	J. W. Carter	Raleigh	J. D. Boushall	Raleigh	4	9	--	26	8	6	213	327	540	--
Rocky Ford	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	W. O. Mitchell	Ingleside	8	2	--	----	2	--	27	27	54	--
Rolesville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. R. Broughton	Rolesville	7	----	1	2	3	2	72	129	201	--
Stony Hill	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's St.	M. W. Chappell	New Light	----	----	--	2	5	1	12	17	29	--
Wake Forest	R. T. Vann	Wake Forest	G. T. Prichard	Wake Forest	25	12	1	11	1	2	121	90	211	--
Wake Union	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	C. M. Walters	Wake Forest	1	5	--	3	--	1	26	42	68	--
Woodland	W. A. Barrett	Franklinton	S. N. Little	Pernell	16	6	2	2	5	1	56	82	138	--
Wake Cross-Roads	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield	W. P. Massey	Temple	3	4	--	1	2	3	42	74	116	--
Youngsville	W. B. Royall	Wake Forest	J. A. Winston	Youngsville	1	8	--	5	5	--	52	71	123	--
				Totals	163	83	17	123	56	27	1230	1773	3003	10

STATEMENT OF FUNDS REPORTED IN THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Poor.	Baptist Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Sunday-Schools.	Greenville Church.	Totals.
Bay Leaf	$ 75 00	$1250 00	$	$ 15 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1 25	$	$	$ 1,341 25
Brassfields	150 00		12 83	21 58	16 60				6 66	2 00			209 67
Flat Rock	150 00	6 00	15 00	7 92	2 78		23 26	2 31	5 17	2 00			214 44
Forestville	125 00	26 85	7 00	25 00	35 00	20 00	12 50	8 05	130 00	2 00		4 00	395 40
Franklinton	400 00	5 00	10 93	9 48	10 17		11 35	9 42		2 00	2 41		460 76
Hopkins' Chapel	100 00	2 10		3 15	5 40	15 00				1 50			127 15
Midway	75 00				1 36		2 55			1 50			80 41
Mount Olivet	100 00				50			2 25		2 00			104 75
Mount Vernon	150 00	8 20	71 50	50 00	25 00				7 32	2 50			314 52
New Bethel	100 00	3 10		1 04	4 59	1 22		3 39		1 75			114 09
New Hope	150 00	48 80	2 04	32 65	32 12		27 49	16 66	1 61	2 00			313 37
Oak Grove	60 00	22 35		2 00	2 46					1 50			88 31
Peace Chapel	25 00									1 60			26 00
Perry's Chapel	125 00	13 00	8 75	11 25	20 14		19 08	6 75	17 21	2 25			223 43
Raleigh, First Ch	2000 00	606 45	152 87	746 28	310 44	141 21	130 60	63 81	403 52	5 00		300 00	4,860 18
Rocky Ford	75 00	1 00				5 00				50			81 50
Rolesville	150 00	21 00	10 00	30 00	35 00		5 50	17 50		2 00			272 00
Stony Hill				5 00						1 00			6 00
Wake Forest	700 00	116 45	118 16	112 65	116 54	1 40	45 55	50 00	50 00	5 00		75 00	1,390 75
Wake Union	100 00	2 20	14 51	32 50	21 25		5 75	5 60	15 00	2 00			198 81
Woodland	60 00			2 83	2 50					2 00			67 33
Wake Cross-Roads			3 21	2 01	1 24			1 73		80			8 99
Youngsville	100 00	13 25	10 00	20 00	21 35		5 00	13 45	12 00	1 45			196 50
Totals	$4970 00	$2145 75	$136 80	$1130 34	$664 44	$183 83	$289 63	$200 92	$648 49	$44 00	$ 2 41	$379 00	$11,095 61

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST-OFFICES.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. of S. S. papers taken.	No. months in year sch'l open.	School expenses.
Bay Leaf	E. T. Piper	Hutchinson's Store	7	30	†	49	25		$ 1 50
Brassfields	W. R. Walters	Wilton	5	48	30			9	4 00
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	5	63	40		40	12	5 00
Forestville	J. E. Green	Wake Forest	15	65	†	400	55		26 50
Franklinton	N. Y. Gulley	Franklinton	9	78	51	100	118	12	
Hopkins' Chapel	R. C. Mitchell	Hartsville Mills	6	40	†				
Midway	N. G. Sandiford	Raleigh	5	33	†	200	35		1 11
Mount Olivet	S. P. Lowry	Franklinton	8	152	†		324		4 04
Mount Vernon	W. H. Nichols	Neuse	9	60	45	200	44	12	
New Bethel	J. C. Moore	Bangor	8	32	†	40	43		1 75
New Hope	A. C. Green	Raleigh	7	60	45	140		12	
Oak Grove	S. T. Hall	Wake Forest	8	103	†	50	271		6 96
Peace Chapel									
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	10	75	†	200	75		101 16
Raleigh, First Church	E. G. Harrell	Raleigh	35	445	†	*1230	*728	12	415 12
Rocky Ford	W. H. Hudson	Ingleside	7	45	†	37	28		11 00
Rolesville	T. L. Honeycutt	Rolesville	7	93	70	75	60	12	
Stony Hill	M. W. Chappell	New Light	5	45					
Wake Forest	W. C. Powell	Wake Forest	12	125	†	200	250	12	
Wake Union	S. F. Allen	Falls	8	47	34		37	10	25 00
Woodland	A. L. Davis	Pernell	3	20	15			12	
Wake Cross-Roads	A. P. Upchurch		10	82	65	132		12	
Youngsville	J. L. Timberlake	Youngsville	8	65	50	35	40	12	7 00
		Totals	197	1806		3088	2173		$ 610 14

†No report. *Last year's report.

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MINISTERS AND OFFICERS.

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Elder	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's Store, N. C.
"	E. G. Beckwith	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. W. Carter, D. D.	Raleigh, N. C.
"	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield, N. C.
"	C. Durham, D. D.	Raleigh, N. C.
"	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	W. R. Gwaltney	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. H. Hutchinson	Hutchinson's Store, N. C.
"	N. S. Jones	Raleigh, N. C.
"	I. T. Newton	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton, N. C.
"	A. A. Pippin	Finch, N. C.
"	William Royall, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	W. B. Royall, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.
"	G. W. Sanderlin	Raleigh, N. C.
"	T. E. Skinner, D. D	Raleigh, N. C.
"	J. W. Sledge	Stallings, N. C.
"	C. E. Taylor, D. D	Wake Forest, N. C.

OFFICERS.

MODERATOR:

N. Y. Gulley ..... Franklinton, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

Charles E. Brewer ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

W. B. Royall ..... Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRANKLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH,
FRANKLINTON, N. C., September 30th, 1890.

The Central Baptist Association meets in its thirty-first annual session, with the Baptist Church in Franklinton.

The Introductory Sermon is preached by Dr. J. W. Carter, from Revelation xii: 6.

After the sermon, the letters from the churches are read, and the following delegates are enrolled:

Bay Leaf—Q. S. Adams, J. A. P. Penney, G. A. Mooneyham, J. P. Ball, M. J. Jackson.

Brassfields—T. L. Cannady, J. Y. Moss, G. L. Allen, N. E. Cannady, W. R. Walters.

Flat Rock—W. P. Morris, Perry Wiggins, P. M. Harrison, W. A. Winston, W. D. Hill.

Forestville—A. R. Vann, D. W. Allen, L. C. Dunn, J. R. Dunn, J. L. Phillips.

Franklinton—N. Y. Gulley, J. S. Joyner, E. W. Morris, J. Y. McGhee, C. Pritchard.

Harris' Chapel—Victor Minga, J. G. Minga, J. J. Andrews.

Hopkins' Chapel—W. W. Perry, W. T. Scarborough, J. H. Ray, G. B. Stallings, W. K. Phillips.

Midway—J. R. Harp, M. M. Perry, W. H. Peebles, Alex. Stevens, Edward Ferrell.

Mount Olive—W. C. Evans, Alex. Evans, A. H. Holmes, W. Dententon, E. B Ethredge.

Mount Vernon—J. D. Allen, Henry Harrison, W. G. Allen, R. D. Honeycutt, H. V. Pace.

New Bethel—G. W. Ray, W. C. Rogers, A. O. Jones, P. D. Brodwell, L. M. Gray.

New Hope—B. B. Buffaloe, W. W. Buffaloe, A. C. Green, F. J. Hollowav, A. R. Buffaloe.

Oak Grove—Gideon Phillips, S. T. Hall, F. N. Shearon, L. W. Dent, J. D. Saintsing.

Perry's Chapel—C. Winston, T. H. Griffin, J. J. Wilder, J. S. Pruett, J. H. Conyers.

Raleigh—W. N. Jones, G. M. Allen, G. W. Sanderlin, W. H. Pace, J. B. Jordan.

Rocky Ford—

Rolesville—M. L. Fowler, J. A. Stell, W. O. Rogers, G. D. Wiggins, W. W. Rodgers, A. S. Jones.

Stony Hill—T. N. Ray, E. H. Ray, W. H. Chappell.

Wake Forest—W. L. Poteat, P. A. Dunn, P. W. Johnson, W. M. Rogers, J. B. Carlyle, C. E. Brewer.

Wake Union—R. N. Griffin, S. F. Allen, W. P. Edwards, W. O. Allen, C. M. Walters.

Wake Cross Roads—C. G. O'Neal, H. H. Stell, E. D. Peebles, G. A. Holmes, J. M. Jones.

Woodland—J. W. Davis, P. R. Allen, A. C. O'Neal, W. J. Edwards, J. W. Andrews.

Youngsville—J. A. Winston, J. J. Barrow, E. G. Conyers, B. H. Winston, M. D. Holmes.

The hour for dinner having arrived, Association adjourns to meet at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convenes with singing. Prayer is offered by Rev. N. S. Jones.

The following schedule of hours is adopted: Meet at 10 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 12:30 o'clock, reassemble at 2 o'clock and adjourn at will.

The following officers are elected for the coming year:

Moderator—N. Y. Gulley.

Clerk and Treasurer—C. E. Brewer.

Assistant Clerk—N. S. Jones.

Historian—W. B. Royall.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Rev. E. L. Pell and deacons of Franklinton Church.

Finance—C. G. O'Neal, R. N. Griffin, G. A. Holmes.

State Missions—C. Durham, C. Winston, D. W. Allen.

Education—W. B. Royall, J. J. Wilder, J. J. Barrow.

Foreign Missions—J. W. Carter, S. T. Hall, O. H. Winston.

Sunday-Schools—N. S. Jones, J. A. Winston, V. Minga.

Home Missions—Charles E. Brewer, L. M. Gray, S. N. Little.

Periodicals—C. T. Bailey, J. H. Congers, P. M. Harrison.

Baptist Orphanage—C. J. Woodson, E. W. Morris, E. H. Ray.

Executive Board—W. B. Royall, P. A. Dunn, W. H. Pace.

Colportage—E. C. Payler, B. W. Spilman, J. W. Sledge.

Place and Preachers for Next Meeting—P. A. Dunn, G. H. Mooneyham, G. A. Holmes.

The following visiting brethren are recognized, welcomed to our midst and invited to participate in our deliberations: Prof. J. B. Brewer, representing Chowan Baptist Female Institute; Rev. E. L. Pell, pastor M. E. Church, Franklinton; Rev. C. J. Woodson, representing the Baptist Orphanage.

After prayer by Rev. W. B. Royall, the Association adjourns.

SECOND DAY.

October 1st, 1890.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer is offered by Dr. C. E. Taylor.

Record of yesterday's proceedings is read and approved.

Roll of delegates is called.

Letter from New Hope Church is read, and the delegates enrolled.

A petition from Harris' Chapel Church asking for admission into this Association is read, and by motion, the following committee is appointed to examine its Covenant and Articles of Faith, and to report to the Association: Rev. W. B. Royall, O. L. Stringfield, G. N. Coppedge and M. R. Pernell.

Brother N. B. Broughton, of the Raleigh Association, is welcomed.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Dr. J. W. Carter.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The greatest of all Christian enterprises is the work of Foreign Missions. All agree that it is a work of immense magnitude and difficulty; but there is no escape from it; our Lord commands it. He said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Since the risen Christ ascended to the Father's right hand, long ages have passed away; but His command has not been changed or modified. It is still our duty to preach the gospel to all nations. We must not neglect the duty because the heathen are very numerous, or far from us, or hard to reach; but we must obey the Lord.

At the present time various facts suggest that He is working by His Spirit with His people, to help them in their efforts to give the gospel to the perishing. During recent years there has been an unusual movement among the Christian women of our country. They hear the call of duty, as never before, and feel that God requires them to send the bread of life to their heathen sisters. Everywhere they are organizing for the support of Foreign Missions. There is also an uncommon interest in this subject among Christian young men in colleges, and theological seminaries. Many of them offer themselves for service in foreign lands. In fact we have more men and women who want to go, than we have money to send them.

In the Foreign Mission work, we are connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, which has established missions in China, Japan, Italy, Africa, Brazil and Mexico. Some of these missions are quite flourishing. Our Foreign Mission Board ask for the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the current year. Shall we not raise our just proportion of this amount? The Baptists of North Carolina have more missionaries in the foreign field than their brethren of any other Southern State. Let us stand by our missionaries. During the past year the churches of this Association have given $1,059.77 to Foreign Missions, an increase of $395.33 over the previous year. Let us set our mark still higher, and do still better next year.

J. W. CARTER,
S. T. HALL.
Committee.

After discussion by brethren Carter and C. J. Woodson, the report is adopted.

The committee on Harris' Chapel Church makes a favorable report. Remarks are made by Brother W. B. Royall, after which, by motion, the church is received into our fellowship.

A letter from said church is read, and its delegates welcomed and enrolled.

A collection of $22.15 is taken for the church.

The following is the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS,

At the last session of the Baptist State Convention, the Board of Missions were instructed to make their appropriations on a basis of $15,000. In doing so it was expected that this Association would raise more than the amount pledged by the churches at our last session, and if possible, make the sum $1,200. So far as reported, the letters sent up show contributions for State Missions amounting to $1,052.32.

The Board of Missions not only appropriated the amount suggested, but because of urgent appeals went beyond, and they ask the Associations to come to their aid in reporting their work free from debt at the approaching Convention.

While there is possibly no great destituton in our own bounds there is a great deal of it in Associations all around us, and we cannot afford

to fail in joining in the great work of spreading the truth throughout the length and breadth of our beloved State.

Let us meet the amount expected of us for this year, and enlarge our contributions for the next.

C. WINSTON,
Committee.

Pending the motion to adopt, the report is ably discussed by brethren N. B. Broughton, C. T. Woodson, C. Winston, C. E. Taylor, J. W. Sledge, J. W. Carter and W. B. Royall. The report is adopted.

The following is the list of churches with the amounts they are requested to contribute to State Missions:

Mount Olivet	$ 25 00	Flat Rock	$ 10 00
Brassfields	25 00	Perry's Chapel	25 00
Franklinton	30 00	New Bethel	10 00
Mount Vernon	25 00	Woodland	10 00
Bay Leaf	15 00	Forestville	25 00
Wake Union	26 00	Wake Forest	125 00
Rolesville	30 00	Hopkins' Chapel	10 00
S. S. Wake Forest	5 00	New Hope	25 00
Midway	10 00	Wake Cross-Roads	20 00
Fist Church, Raleigh	600 00	Rocky Ford	5 00
Stony Hill	5 00		
Oak Grove	5 00	Total	$1,086 00
Youngsville	20 00		

After the benediction, by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, the Association adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembles, and prayer is offered by Rev. J. W. Sledge.

The report on Colportage is read.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

In view of the destitution in some portions of the territory of this Association, and the possibility of reaching it hopefully through the labors of a Colporter, we recommend that the Central Sunday-School Association, to which this work was committed in 1888, be requested to secure the services of an efficient Colporter, to work within our limits, as soon as the means can be raised.

C. E. TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN,
J. W. SLEDGE,
B. W. SPILMAN,
Committee.

After discussion by Dr. C. E. Taylor, the report is adopted.

The following is the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

If our Lord were on earth to day he might still say to his people, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into His harvest."

There was perhaps never a greater need than there is now for an increase in the number of laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, faithful ministers of Jesus Christ, men apt to teach, studying to show themselves approved of God, workmen needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Realizing this to be the case, and believing that those who pray the Lord to send the laborers will join their alms with their prayers, that together they may go up as a memorial before God, the Board of Education have ventured to promise aid to thirty-seven young brethren who have given satisfactory evidence of their call to the ministry and have been approved by their churches. There are six others at our College who desire help, and who must soon discontinue their studies there if the assistance asked for be not given them.

Will not all the Churches of our Association do their full part in this important work for the Master?

W. B. ROYALL,
J. J. WILDER,
J. J. BARROW,
Committee.

In connection with the above report the following resolutions are introduced:

WHEREAS, The present endowment of our College at Wake Forest is inadequate to meet the great and increasing needs of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Bro. J. A. Bostwick, of New York, has offered to add one dollar to every two that we can raise for this object before March 1st, 1891, up to $50,000:

Resolved, 1. That we earnestly recommend to the brethren and sisters of the Central Association that the most strenuous efforts be made in all the churches largely to avail ourselves of this generous proposition.

Resolved, 2. That the pastors are requested to bring this matter before all the churches and to secure the largest possible contributions and to send them to T. H. Briggs, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

After discussion by brethren J. B. Carlyle and N. Y. Gulley, Dr. J. W. Carter offers the following amendment:

WHEREAS, We believe that the education of our daughters and sisters is especially important; therefore

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with our institutions for female education, and also with our proposed Female University, to be located at Raleigh.

Speeches are made by brethren J. W. Carter and E. G. Beckwith, and the report as amended, with the resolutions, is adopted.

Voted that the report on the Orphanage be the special order for 11 o'clock, and report on Periodicals at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Adjournment.

THIRD DAY.

October 2d, 1890.

Moderator calls the Association to order.

Record of yesterday's proceedings is read and approved.

Prayer is offered by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next meeting of this Association recommend Wake Cross-Roads Church as the place, and Rev. G. W. Green as the preacher; Rev. W. H. Edwards alternate.

The recommendation is adopted.

The report on Periodicals is read.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Baptists of North Carolina early in their history became convinced that it was about impossible to succeed in their work and hold together without a religious paper to defend their principles, and to enable them to communicate the one with the other.

In the year 1833, by request of the Convention, Rev. Thomas Meredith started *The Interpreter*, which was changed to the *Biblical Recorder* in 1835, and from that day to this the paper has ably defended the Baptists of North Carolina, and has had much to do with our unity and prosperity as a people. Our fathers were wise in their generation and laid well the foundation of Baptist prosperity in establishing Wake Forest College and the *Biblical Recorder*, under God the great strong arm of Baptist power in North Carolina.

The *Biblical Recorder* deserves a place in every Baptist family.

We recommend *Charity and Children*, the paper representing the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., the *Kind Words* series for our Sunday-schools, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

C. T. BAILEY,
J. H. CONYERS,
P. M. HARRISON,

After discussion by Dr. C. T. Bailey the report is adopted.

The following brethren are recognized and welcomed to our midst: Rev. Baylus Cade, of the Tar River Association; Revs. N. B. Cobb and W. H. Edwards, of the Raleigh Association.

The following is the

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, N. C., is an institution which in its aims, objects and methods commends itself to the favorable consideration and practical sympathy of our people. We have now 128 children, who by the death of their parents have been left to us to feed, clothe, educate and christianize. The Apostle James tells us that "Pure and undefiled religion is to visit the fatherless in their affliction."

C. J. WOODSON,
E. W. MORRIS,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren C. J. Woodson, J. W. Carter, W. R. Gwaltney and Baylus Cade, the report is adopted.

A collection, amounting to $29.10 in cash and $14 in pledges, is taken.

A collection amounting to $14.58 is taken for the Third Church, Raleigh, after remarks by brethren O. L. Stringfield, J. W. Carter, Baylus Cade and C. T. Bailey.

The following resolution is introduced and passed:

That Article XIII of our Constitution be so changed as to read "shall meet on Wednesday before the first Sunday in August."

The report on Sunday-schools is read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to say we believe the Sunday-school work to be one of the greatest means by which the masses may be reached with the truth as it is found in the written word; therefore, we do urge every church to see that they have a live, active Sunday-school.

We are glad to be able to report that in the twenty-two churches of the Association there are twenty Sunday-schools reported, with a membership of two thousand and twenty-three.

These schools have contributed for the past year $432.82. Several schools failed to report the amount of contribution. We urge them to report in their church letters all amounts.

We endorse the Sunday-School Association and its work, and ask all the schools to take an active part in its efforts.

N. S. JONES,
J. A. WINSTON,
A. MINGER,
Committee.

After discussion by brethren N. S. Jones, B. W. Spilman, S. P. Lowry, C. Winston, J. W. Carter, B. B. Buffaloe, B. Cade and C. T. Bailey, the report is adopted.

The Association then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer is offered by Bro. O. L. Stringfield.

The report on Home Missions is read.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, God has smiled on this work in blessing our missionaries; and

WHEREAS, He has given us a field so full of work and of hope:

Resolved, 1. That we lend this cause what influence we have with God and with man.

Resolved, 2. That we urge our churches to give liberally to this work, so that our money may go with our prayers.

NOTE—North Carolina has been asked for $5,000, to be paid by November, 1891, for the building of Bro. Diaz's house in Cuba. The work of Bro. Diaz is wonderful, the position is important, not only to the Baptists, but to the protestant world. Let us see to it that we raise our proportion of this $5,000 before November, 1891.

Respectfully,
COMMITTEE.

After remarks by Bro. M. A. Adams the report is adopted.

Voted that the Moderator, Clerk and Rev. B. W. Spilman constitute a committee to apportion the amounts the various churches are requested to contribute for the building of the house of worship in Cuba.

The following is the report:

Bay Leaf	$ 2 80	Perry's Chapel	$ 4 70
Brassfields'	4 70	Raleigh, First Church	112 50
Flat Rock	1 70	Rocky Ford	1 00
Forestville	4 70	Rolesville	5 90
Franklinton	5 90	Stony Hill	1 00
Harris' Chapel	1 00	Wake Forest	23 50
Hopkins' Chapel	1 70	Wake Union	5 00
Midway	1 70	Wake Cross-Roads	3 75
Mount Olivet	4 70	Woodland	1 70
Mount Vernon	4 70	Youngsville	3 75
New Bethel	1 70		
New Hope	4 70		$203 80
Oak Grove	1 00		

The above is made on the basis of the amounts promised for State Missions for the next year.

N. Y. GULLEY,
B. W. SPILMAN,
C. E. BREWER,
Committee.

The Finance Committee makes the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for	Minute Fund	$44 60
"	" State Missions	13 05
"	" Foreign Missions	9 55
"	" Home Missions	8 37
"	" Education	70
"	" Orphanage	3 00
		$79 27

R. N. GRIFFIN,
C. G. O'NEAL,
G. A. HOLMES,
Committee.

The report is adopted.

Bro. N. Y Gulley is elected to represent this Association at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention; Bro. P. W. Johneon alternate.

The Moderator appoints the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Brethren W. L. Poteat. B. B. Buflaloe and W. R. Walters.

Voted that the Clerk have seven hundred copies of the minutes printed, and that he be paid fifteen dollars for his services.

Voted that the thanks of the members of this Association be extended to the citizens of Franklinton for the hospitable entertainment given them during their stay among them.

After prayer by Dr. J. W. Carter, the Association adjourned to meet with the Wake Cross-Roads Church, Wednesday before the first Sunday in August, 1891.

N. Y. GULLEY,
Moderator.

CHAS. E. BREWER,
Clerk.

TREASURER'S PEPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Finance Committee for Minute Fund	$	44 60
" " " " " State Missions		13 05
" " " " " Foreign Missions		9 55
" " " " " Home Missions		8 37
" " " " " Education		70
" " " " " Orphanage		3 00
" " " " general collection for Orphanage		29 10
" general collection Third Church, Raleigh		14 58
	$	122 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. D. Boushall, Treasurer Baptist State Convention:		
For State Missions	$	13 05
For Foreign Missions		9 55
For Home Missions		8 37
For Education		70
For Orphanage		32 10
O. L. Stringfield, for Third Church, Raleigh		14 58
For printing Minutes		29 60
Clerk, for services		15 00
	$	122 95

C. E. BREWER,
Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members or pastors of the churches connected with this body, shall be considered members of the Association *ex officio*

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage, and such other objects as may be intrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the first Sunday in August, at such place as the Association may elect.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each annual session an introductory sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Association.
7. All motions which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator.
14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association by a majority.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor.	Post-Office.	Clerk.	Post-Office.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Col. Members.
Bay Leaf	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	J. A. Carter	Neuse	5	11	..	2	..	1	42	46	88	..
Brassfields	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	W. R. Walters	Wilton	..	2	..	1	2	2	47	56	103	..
Flat Rock	J. R. Pace	Wake Forest	J. A. Clifton	Royal	12	..	2	22	3	2	78	167	245	..
Forestville	W. B. Royal	Wake Forest	L. Chappell	Forestville	20	4	2	1	1	2	39	48	87	..
Franklinton	----------	----------	S. G. Davis	Franklinton	4	1	1	7	1	..	33	39	72	..
Harris' Chapel	M. R. Pernell	Franklinton	J. J. Andrews	Royal	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	9	..
Hopkins' Chapel	A. A. Pippin	Finch	J. H. Ray	Riley's X Roads	5	1	4	7	21	3	61	105	166	..
Midway	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield	J. R. Harp	Raleigh	9	7	..	1	3	..	44	60	104	..
Mount Olivet	J. W. Sledge	Stalling	A. H. Catlett	Franklinton	6	3	..	4	1	1	31	69	100	..
Mount Vernon	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	J. D. Allen	Falls	16	1	4	16	..	3	51	77	128	..
New Bethel	G. W. Coppedge	Wakefield	Jno. C. Moore	Beck	17	3	4	11	1	1	59	93	152	..
New Hope	I. T. Newton	Wake Forest	F. J. Holloway	Raleigh	..	2	..	5	..	..	44	54	98	..
Oak Grove	W. H. Edwards	Wake Forest	W. E. Greyard	Wake Forest	3	4	5	3	2	..	38	32	70	..
Perry's Chapel	E. G. Beckwith	Wake Forest	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	5	3	..	3	..	1	50	72	122	3
Raleigh, First Ch	J. W. Carter	Raleigh	J. D. Boushall	Raleigh	10	16	2	19	3	9	225	358	583	..
Rocky Ford	------	----------	----------	----------	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rolesville	W. B. Royal	Wake Forest	J. R. Broughton	Rolesville	..	2	..	12	5	3	66	123	189	..
Stony Hill	W. H. Hutch'ns'n	Hutchinson's St.	E. H. Ray	Pernell	4	..	..	3	2	..	11	15	26	..
Wake Forest	W. R. Gwaltney	Wake Forest	W. M. Rogers	Wake Forest	10	18	..	31	..	3	124	86	210	..
Wake Union	N. S. Jones	Raleigh	C. M. Walters	Wake Forest	..	2	1	5	1	2	41	58	99	..
Woodland	J. W. Atkinson	Hutchinson's St.	A. L. Davis	Pernell	2	4	..	3	5	4	50	70	120	..
Wake X Roads	J. W. Sledge	Stalling	W. P. Massey	Temple	3	2	5	2	1	..	43	77	120	..
Youngsville	W. B. Royal	Wake Forest	J. A. Winston	Youngsville	6	3	3	4	..	..	58	74	132	..
				Totals	137	89	33	162	52	37	1239	1784	3023	3

STATEMENT OF FUNDS REPORTED IN THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Totals.
Bay Leaf	$ 75 00	$ 6 00	$ 1 79	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 05	$ 6 40	$ 1 50	$ ------	$ 97 74
Brassfields	150 00	------	5 93	17 07	9 99	21 36	20 45	2 00	2 75	229 55
Flat Rock	75 00	6 15	15 00	3 24	------	------	16 80	2 00	3 00	121 19
Forestville	125 00	20 00	15 00	25 00	------	34 00	26 25	2 18	------	247 43
Franklinton	400 00	19 50	5 73	14 84	5 95	35 31	30 12	2 00	34 57	548 02
Harris' Chapel	20 00	------	------	------	------	------	------	1 00	------	21 00
Hopkins' Chapel	60 00	------	------	4 00	------	8 00	------	1 10	2 25	75 35
Midway	75 00	3 04	------	5 00	------	8 73	5 00	1 50	37	98 64
Mount Olivet	100 00	50 00	------	------	1 00	------	4 94	1 75	10 84	168 53
Mount Vernon	150 00	215 46	5 00	40 00	12 50	25 00	------	1 55	33 75	483 26
New Bethel	100 00	12 00	------	3 00	3 00	3 30	6 37	1 60	3 00	132 27
New Hope	100 00	96 50	1 00	27 24	14 94	24 53	4 87	2 50	9 90	281 48
Oak Grove	60 00	------	70	1 30	1 70	1 55	1 30	1 50	------	68 05
Perry's Chapel	125 00	45 25	5 40	12 08	13 83	14 19	6 85	2 50	------	225 10
Raleigh, First Church	2000 00	717 00	106 00	598 51	167 54	730 06	73 00	5 00	382 31	4779 42
Rocky Ford	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Rolesville	150 00	20 00	10 00	30 00	15 00	30 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	279 00
Stony Hill	60 00	5 00	------	6 00	------	------	------	1 00	------	72 00
Wake Forest	------	82 50	100 00	105 11	50 00	122 96	19 78	5 00	275 00	760 35
Wake Union	100 00	22 00	14 51	16 00	11 60	20 00	15 25	2 00	1 00	202 36
Woodland	100 00	81 00	------	5 00	------	5 00	------	2 00	------	193 00
Wake Cross-Roads	100 00	------	------	1 10	------	62	40	1 17	------	103 29
Youngsville	100 00	30 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	20 00	------	1 75	------	191 75
Totals	$4225 00	$1431 40	$296 06	$939 49	$318 05	$1105 66	$249 78	$44 60	$768 74	$9378 78

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools.	Superintendents.	Post-Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average attendance.	Volumes in Library.	No. of S. S. papers taken.	No. mo's in year sch'l kept open.	Amount Contrib't'd.	Expenses of School.
Bay Leaf	W. L. Nipper	Hutchinson's Store	8	42	*	49	20	*	$	$ 65
Brassfields	G. L. Allen	Wilton	8	87	60		*	12		*
Flat Rock	P. M. Harrison	Youngsville	5	62	45		30	12	6 35	*
Forestville	J. E. Green	Wake Forest	9	84	55	400	65	12		*
Franklinton	N. Y. Gulley	Franklinton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Harris' Chapel	J. G. Minga	Royal	5	36	*			*		1 58
Hopkins' Chapel										
Midway	N. S. Sanderford	Mill Brook	6	65	30	300	33	12	*	*
Mount Olivet	S. P. Lowry	Franklinton	7	115	*		161	*	3 26	2 64
Mount Vernon	W. H. Nichols	Neuse	9	61	45	200	32	12		*
New Bethel	W. A. Jones	Rogers' Store	10	121	*	100	60		42	30 00
New Hope	A. C. Green	Raleigh	7	60	*	142	66	*	25 47	11 64
Oak Grove	S. T. Hall	Wake Forest	10	121	*	40	83	*	2 15	8 73
Perry's Chapel	R. O. Pernell	Franklinton	12	90	65	238	75	12	*	*
Raleigh, First Church	T. H. Briggs	Raleigh	37	475	*		2200		284 48	226 94
Rocky Ford										
Rolesville	W. O. Rogers	Rolesville	5	70	*		24	*	5 00	6 00
Stony Hill	W. H. Chappell	New Light	3	40	20			6		
Wake Forest	C. E. Brewer	Wake Forest	13	200	160	300	266	12	29 53	33 66
Wake Union	S. F. Allen	Falls	9	53	*		50	*	5 40	25 61
Wake Cross-Roads	C. G. O'Neal	Temple	8	32		132			3 00	
Woodland	A. L. Davis	Pernell	5	35	*		12	*	*	*
Youngsville	I. G. Riddick	Youngsville	8	70	50		60	12	*	*
		Totals	184	1919		1901	3237		$365 06	$347 45

* No report.